



FONTANA POLICE DEPARTMENT CITY OF FONTANA



TO: All Attendees of Area 4 Community Meeting
FROM: Lt. Angela Stover, Area Commander Beat 4
DATE: July 7, 2009
SUBJECT: July 2, 2009 Community Meeting Minutes

Sgt. Wagner

- Welcomed all in attendance.
- Advised Lt. Stover is off tonight and asked him to cover the meeting for her. Advised he is the Range Master and Administrative Sergeant at the Police Department
- Introductions included Ted Porlas from Code Compliance; Todd Heagstedt from Public Services; Sergio Quiroz from Landscaping; Scott Bruckner from Environmental, and Councilmember Frank Scialdone.
- Calls for service statistics (includes residential and industrial):
 - Area One (North of 210 freeway) – 3,537 calls
 - Area Two (210 south to Foothill) – 10,949 calls
 - Area Three (Foothill south to 10 freeway) – About 18,000 calls
 - Area Four (South of 10 freeway) –7,157 calls
- Top calls for service (includes phone calls from citizens and officer initiated calls):
 1. Traffic stops
 2. Medical Aids
 3. 911 Wireless Calls
 4. Party Calls
 5. 911 Landline calls
 6. Pedestrian Checks
 7. Disturbance Calls
 8. Vehicle Checks

- We use to contract with San Bernardino County for Animal Services; however, we currently took that over and we are in the process of hiring Animal Control officers and we bought trucks, so as of July 1st the city of Fontana has their own Animal Control Services.
- July 4th we are not running any special project as we have done in the past with all of our officers out in the field however we will have our special operations unit out looking for violations such as illegal fireworks. The Fire Department will be a little more beefed up this year and we will enforce the laws as much as we can.

Sgt. Janine Wolverton, Fontana Unified School Police Department

- Advised School PD has 2 sergeants, 2 corporals, 1 K-9 officer and 9 officers.
- Advised they are just like regular Fontana Police Officers. A Fontana Police Department Lieutenant is actually the School Police Chief.
- The K-9 is a drug and gun sniffing dog.
- They have 24-hour dispatch which can be reached at 357-5020. Advised they monitor fire and security alarms.
- There are security cameras on all campuses.
- Officers work from 0600-0130.
- They service 45 schools, 43,000 students and 6,400 staff members.
- There are 4 high schools, 2 continuation schools, 7 middle schools and 29 elementary schools, 1 adult education school, a school of language development, a warehouse and a maintenance facility.
- Jurupa Hills High School is a new \$115 million project with a \$9 million stadium.
 - The school is on Slover/Santa Ana and Oleander/Citrus, with 8 buildings and there are 4 classroom wings which are two levels each.
 - The school is 45,080 Sq ft and opens August 2010. They will start with 9th and 10th grade. Victor Uribe will be reassigned from Kaiser to be the principal at Jurupa Hills High School.
 - There are traffic concerns with Slover and Santa Ana.
 - Advised a lot of the students will be from over the 10 freeway.
 - Advised once the high school opens, Jurupa Hills Middle School will be an adult school.

- Advised Visitor and staff parking will be off of oleander and student parking will be off of Citrus.
- There are concerns with students falling from the 2nd story or being pushed, also concerns with the balconies and the alcoves between buildings, along with traffic before and after school along with local traffic.
- Advised the buses will use the south parking lot.
- The school is monitored with 25 cameras 8 pentel zoom and 17 fixed.
- Advised there are 8 stairwells and all buildings have a lot of natural light.
- Graduation Rate 2008 vs. 2007
 - District: +5.1%
 - County: -2.2%
 - State: -1%
- Drop Out rate 2008 vs. 2007
 - District: -2.6%
 - County: -2.1%
 - State: -1.1%

Concerns of South Fontana residents:

- **Advised there was a lot of graffiti on Jurupa just east of Sierra and it took almost a week before it was removed.**
 - Sgt. Wagner advised when you see graffiti please make sure you call 350-GONE or go on the police department's website to report it.
 - http://www.fontana.org/police/forms/Graffiti_form.htm is the address that will take you directly to the online reporting graffiti link.
 - This link was returned after a citizen at the last meeting requested COP logic process to be made easier for the continued ease in reporting graffiti for removal.
- **Advised they are having problems with someone throwing eggs in their neighborhood on Rancherias and Woodland. Advised it has been happening for the past couple of weeks.**
 - Sgt. Wagner advised he will let graveyard guys know to extra patrol the area and advised he will also let Lt. Stover know of the problem.
- **Asked if there was a policy for foreclosed homes regarding if anyone is suppose to supervise the company who comes to remove all the property from the house. Recently, a company came and cleaned out her house thinking it was a foreclosed home; however, they had the wrong address.**

- Sgt. Wagner advised usually the Marshalls are the ones who should be there
 - If you see something suspicious, please report it to the police immediately Dispatch Center #350-7700. These homes continue to challenge both Code and Police and we need you to call when something does not look or feel right to you.
- **Advised they thought there was an ordinance regarding party calls, advised there was a party in their neighborhood and police responded; however, it took forever.**
 - Sgt. Wagner advised we do currently have a noise ordinance and it does give the officer the option to issue a citation; however, it doesn't say they have to cite them; it's the officers' discretion.
 - I have added the ordinance below. If you find yourself in a situation where you feel like the ordinance applies and despite the officers' response the problem is not alleviated, request that a supervisor be notified of the repeat calls for service and leave me an email or voicemail message so that I can conduct follow up and evaluate the previous responses and monitor any future responses.
 - **Sec. 18-63. Scope, enumeration of prohibited noises**
 - (a) This article shall apply to loud, excessive, impulsive or intrusive interior and exterior sound or noise that annoys or disturbs persons of ordinary sensibilities emanating from any type of property or source within the city.
 - (b) The following acts, which create loud, excessive, impulsive or intrusive sound or noise that annoys or disturbs persons of ordinary sensibilities from a distance of 50 feet or more from the edge of the property, structure or unit in which the source is located, are declared to be in violation of this article, but such enumeration shall not be deemed to be exclusive, namely:
 - (1) *Horns, signaling devices, etc.* The sounding of any horn or signaling device on any automobile, motorcycle, streetcar or other vehicle on any street or public place of the city, except as a danger warning; the creation by means of any such signaling device of any unreasonably loud, excessive, impulsive or intrusive noise; and the sounding of any such device for an unnecessary and unreasonable period of time; the use of any signaling device except one operated by hand or electricity; the use of any horn, whistle or other device operated by engine exhaust; and the use of any such signaling device when traffic is for any reason held up.
 - (2) *Sound amplifying equipment.* The use or operation of any radio receiving set, musical instrument, phonograph, loudspeaker, sound amplifier or any other machine or device in a manner that creates loud, excessive, impulsive or intrusive noise that annoys or disturbs a person of ordinary sensibilities. Such sound amplifying equipment shall

not be construed to include electronic devices, including, but not limited to, radios, tape players, tape recorders, compact disc players, MP3 players, electric keyboards, music synthesizers, record players or televisions, which are designed and operated for personal use, or used entirely within a building and are not designed or used to convey the human voice, music or any other sound to an audience outside such building, or which are used in vehicles and heard only by occupants of the vehicle in which installed.

(3) *Animals, birds, etc.* Keeping any animal or allowing any animal to be kept or suffering, or permitting any animal to remain upon the premises under the control of a person, when such animal habitually barks, whines or makes loud, excessive, impulsive or intrusive noises in such a manner as to disturb the peace and quiet of the neighbors surrounding or in the vicinity of such premises, or whose barking or howling or other sound or cry interferes with any person of ordinary sensitiveness in the reasonable and comfortable enjoyment of life and property.

(4) *Exhausts.* The discharge into the open air of the exhaust of any steam engine, stationary internal combustion engine, motorboat or motor vehicle, except through a muffler or other device which will effectively prevent loud, excessive, impulsive or intrusive noises there from; provided, however, that the provisions of this section and article do not apply to any raceway, racetrack or drag strip which is being operated in accordance with the provisions of chapter 17, article IX.

(5) *Defect in vehicle or load.* The use of any automobile, motorcycle or vehicle so out of repair or loaded or used in such manner as to create loud, excessive, impulsive or intrusive and unnecessary grating, grinding, rattling or other noise.

(6) *Loading, unloading or opening boxes.* The creation of a loud, excessive, impulsive or intrusive and excessive noise in connection with loading or unloading of any vehicle or the opening and destruction of bales, boxes, crates and containers.

(7) *Construction or repairing of buildings or structures.* The erection (including excavating), demolition, alteration or repair of any building or structure other than between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on weekdays and between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays, except in case of urgent necessity in the interest of public health and safety, and then only with a permit from the building inspector, which permit may be granted for a period not to exceed three days or less while the emergency continues and which permit may be renewed for periods of three days or less while the emergency continues. If the building inspector should determine that the public health and safety will not be impaired by the erection, demolition, alteration or repair of any building or structure or the excavation of streets and highways within the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m., and if he shall further determine that loss or inconvenience would result to any party in interest, he may grant permission for such work to be done on weekdays within the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m., upon

application being made at the time the permit for the work is awarded or during the progress of the work.

(8) *Noise near schools, courts, place of worship or hospitals.* The creation of any loud, excessive, impulsive or intrusive noise on any street adjacent to any school, institution of learning, places of worship or court while the premises are in use, or adjacent to any hospital which unreasonably interferes with the workings of such institution or which disturbs or unduly annoys patients in the hospital; provided conspicuous signs are displayed in such streets indicating that the street is a school, hospital or court street.

(9) *Transportation of metal rails, pillars and columns.* The transportation of rails, pillars or columns of iron, steel or other material over and along streets and other public places upon carts, drays, cars or trucks, or in any other manner so loaded as to cause loud, excessive, impulsive or intrusive noise or as to disturb the peace and quiet of such streets or other public places.

(10) *Piledrivers, hammers, etc.* The operation between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. of any piledriver, steamshovel, pneumatic hammer, derrick, steam or electric hoist or other appliance, the use of which is attended by loud, excessive, impulsive or intrusive noise.

(11) *Blowers.* The operation of any noise-creating blower or power fan or any internal combustion engine other than from the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on a weekday and the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on a Saturday, the operation of which causes noise due to the explosion of operating gases or fluids, unless the noise from such blower or fan is muffled and such engine is equipped with a muffler device sufficient to deaden such noise.

(Code 1968, § 17-3; Ord. No. 1460, § 2, 10-5-04; Ord. No. 1560, § 2, 9-11-07)

- **Advised shopping carts in the neighborhoods are driving him crazy, advised they show up Thursday nights at Banana and Marlay.**
 - Sgt. Wagner advised Public Works is now picking up shopping carts which are abandoned in neighborhoods so if you see any please call them at 350-6760.
 - We continue work in this area. Many options to include the adoption of an ordinance are being explored. I will continue to provide information on the progress of these efforts as I receive pertinent information.
- **Advised they called the police department on two push cart vendors at the park at about 2:20 p.m. and knows nothing was done with them because he saw one of them walking with his cart on the way to the meeting.**
 - Sgt. Wagner advised in the past we have done vendor sweeps where we go out to look especially for illegal push cart vendors. Officer Sayegh advised Team 6 works on Thursday nights and they usually try to do vendor sweeps, advised he will let them know of the problem in the area.

- Please continue to call on push cart vendors. We do have an ordinance. If there is a particular call that I can research to ensure a proper response by PD, please let me know the address given, etc. The fact that you saw the same vendor with a pushcart does not automatically equate to no action. I would like the opportunity to evaluate our response and either take corrective action or update you on the action that was taken. If you commented on this issue, please call me at 909-350-7708 to further discuss this issue.
- **Asked if Ice Cream Trucks are allowed to have amplified sound coming from their vehicle.**
 - Sgt. Wagner advised they are not allowed to have amplified sound and are not suppose to be near schools or parks.
 - **Asked if you can park an RV on the street.**
 - Sgt. Wagner advised you need a permit to park an RV on the street and you can get the permit on the Police Department's website.
 - Per FCC 17-162, No person shall park or leave standing, on any public street, in any area zoned by the City as residential, any oversized or non-motorized vehicle for a period longer than four hours.

DIVISION 3. PROHIBITION OF PARKING OVERSIZED OR NON-MOTORIZED VEHICLES

○ Sec. 17-162. Prohibition of parking of oversized vehicles or non-motorized vehicles.

No person shall park, or leave standing, on any public street or right of way, in any area zoned by the city as residential, any oversized vehicle for a period longer than four consecutive hours. (Ord. No. 1399, § 1, 5-6-03; Ord. No. 1417, § 1, 6-17-03)

Sec. 17-163. Oversized vehicle defined.

An oversized vehicle is any vehicle, whether motorized or non-motorized, that exceeds 22 feet in length, or 94 inches in width or 92 inches in height. Any extension caused by any accessory, with the exception of side view mirrors, trailer hitches or roof racks, attached to such vehicle shall be considered part of the measured distance. Oversized vehicles shall also include all buses, tractors, semi-trailers, motor coaches, trailers, campers, camper-trailers, house-cars, trailer coaches, motor homes, and other equipment or machinery, regardless of width, length or height. Automobiles, pickup trucks, sport utility vehicles and passenger vans that are over 92 inches in height will not be considered oversized vehicles when they exceed the height limit solely due to the modification of the suspension system or the addition of oversized tires.

(Ord. No. 1399, § 1, 5-6-03; Ord. No. 1417, § 1, 6-17-03)

Sec. 17-164. Exemptions to prohibition on parking of oversized vehicles.

Provisions of section 17-162 shall not apply to any of the following:

- a. Oversized vehicles making pickups or deliveries of goods, wares, services or merchandise to or from any building or structure immediately adjacent to the property on which such building or structure is situated.
- b. Any ambulance, paramedic or public safety vehicle involved in an emergency.
- c. Any vehicle being repaired under emergency conditions for less than eight hours. For purposes of this section emergency conditions will mean the need for sudden and unexpected repairs occurring during transport of the vehicle.
- d. Any vehicle belonging to federal, state or local authorities while conducting official business.
- e. Any vehicle displaying a valid permit issued pursuant to section 17-165.

(Ord. No. 1399, § 1, 5-6-03; Ord. No. 1417, § 1, 6-17-03)

Sec. 17-165. Permit process for temporary parking permits for oversize vehicles.

The chief of police, or his designee, shall issue a temporary parking permit free of charge for an oversized vehicle to any resident of the city, for parking of any oversized vehicles that belongs to that resident, or a guest of such resident, as long as the following conditions are met:

- a. The oversized vehicle is parked on the street immediately adjacent to the property on which the residence of the person requesting the permit is located.
- b. The duration of the permit shall not exceed 72 hours.
- c. No more than six permits shall be issued to the resident or residents inhabiting a single dwelling, or to any specific oversized vehicle within any given calendar month. Permits may not be issued for consecutive periods, and there must be a minimum of 48 consecutive hours between the issuance of permits for a resident or residents of a specific location or a specific oversized vehicle.
- d. The oversized vehicle shall not be used for overnight camping, lodging, residing in, or any use for accommodation purposes.
- e. The oversized vehicle shall not visibly block or obscure any existing safety or traffic control device.
- f. The chief of police, or designee, has not determined that oversized vehicle parking on the portion of the street immediately adjacent to the property on which the residence of the person requesting the permit is located would create a public safety hazard. Such a determination may be made based on factors, including, without limitation, the size of the oversized vehicle, the

configuration of the street or the location of any nearby trees, improvements or structures.

(Ord. No. 1399, § 1, 5-6-03; Ord. No. 1417, § 1, 6-17-03)

Sec. 17-166. Posting of signs.

Signs giving adequate notice of the prohibitions contained in section 17-162 shall be placed at the city limits, as well as at other locations as determined by the city council by resolution or ordinance. The signs shall state, 'No parking of oversized vehicles RVs or trailers on residential streets without a valid permit for more than 4 hrs. (FCC 17-162)'

(Ord. No. 1399, § 1, 5-6-03; Ord. No. 1417, § 1, 6-17-03)

Sec. 17-167. Permit.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to whom a permit is issued pursuant to section 17-165 to transfer, sell, rent or lease such permit or allow such permit to be used by any person other than the person to whom the permit has been issued or a guest of that person, either with or without consideration.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any person to borrow, buy or otherwise acquire for value or use or display any parking permit, except as provided for in section 17-165.

(c) Each permit issued pursuant to section 17-165 shall be subject to all of the conditions and restrictions set forth in section 17-165. The issuance of such permit shall not be construed to be a permit for, or approval of, any violation of any provision of this Code or any other law or regulation.

(d) The issuance of a permit pursuant to section 17-165 shall not be construed or interpreted as a warranty or representation by the city or its officials, officers or employees that the parking of any oversized vehicle is or is not in compliance with any other provision of law. Neither the enactment of sections 17-162 to 17-168 nor the preparation or delivery of any permit pursuant thereto shall impose any mandatory duty upon the city, its officials, officers or employees to completely and accurately determine the safety of the parking of any oversized vehicle or impose any liability on the city, its officials, officers or employees regarding the same.

(Ord. No. 1399, § 1, 5-6-03; Ord. No. 1417, § 1, 6-17-03)

Sec. 17-168. Penalty.

(a) Any person violating any of the provisions of this division shall be deemed to be guilty of an infraction and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by:

(1) A fine not exceeding \$100.00 for a first violation.

(2) A fine not exceeding \$200.00 for a second violation within one year.

(3) A fine not exceeding \$500.00 for each additional violation within one year.

(b) A person violating any provision of this division shall be guilty of a separate offense for each and every day or portion thereof during which any violation of any provision of this division is committed, continued or permitted by such person, and shall be punished accordingly.

(Ord. No. 1399, § 1, 5-6-03; Ord. No. 1417, § 1, 6-17-03)
Secs. 17-169--17-190. Reserved.

- **Asked if a boat can park on the street.**
 - Sgt. Wagner advised boats are not allowed to be parked on the street
 - See above FCC
- **Asked if a tractor without the trailer can park on residential streets.**
 - Sgt. Wagner advised commercial vehicles are not allowed to park in residential areas.
- **Advised he would like to see a crack down on people parking in the disabled parking illegally, advised it's mostly at the ATM in the shopping center.**
 - Sgt. Wagner advised he will let the traffic unit know.
 - Message requesting extra patrol was sent on 071509 to all Southend officers by A. Stover
- **Asked about the policy on street vendors.**
 - Sgt. Wagner advised street vendors are not allowed to sell in the city without a city permit.

Ending Note from Lt. Stover:

Thank you to all of you that took the time to attend the last meeting. Thank you to Sgt. Wagner for helping facilitate the meeting in my absence.

I noted several different issues present in the minutes from the last meeting. You will see that I have added additional comments in blue to provide additional information on certain topics. Should you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to give me a call.

We have recently been experiencing (June 1-July 15th) an increase in residential burglaries. In most of these incidents entry was made through a rear window and were vacant residences with property still inside. I found it interesting that in the minutes, someone mentioned that property was removed from their residence mistakenly. If you were that individual from the meeting who commented on this issue, please contact me ASAP so that we may ascertain if any useable suspect information can be gathered from your experience.

We did receive a call from a resident on June 25th and have identified two individuals who were looking into a vacant residence windows. They have not been identified as

suspects in the above residential burglaries, but additional work is being done on the cases. I will continue to gather and provide information that would be helpful for you to know to assist us in identifying the suspects. If you see someone enter or around a residence, please call the police department and be a good witness. You are our eyes and ears!! We need your help!

In reviewing the calls for service in Area 4 between May and June, our area has shown a 46% increase in graffiti calls. In reviewing the calls for service, our Crime Analysts cannot indicate a pattern or series involved area wide. Some areas have been determined to be one particular gang and we know who they are. Our Patrol Division and Gang Unit have been zero tolerance and extremely proactive in the efforts to curtail this increase. Special efforts at Don Day Park and surrounding areas have earned the officers some incredibly disrespectful graffiti death threats from gang members. It will not hinder their efforts and we continue to get the graffiti removed as soon as possible. Please keep your eyes open and call us immediately if you see someone damaging the areas in which our families like to gather and enjoy themselves in a tranquil environment.

On the upside for the same time frame, we had a 44% decrease in Grand Theft, 13 % decrease in Robberies, 33% decrease in Vehicle burglaries, and a 36% decrease in Grand Theft calls for service. There are a couple of high frequency locations that I will be looking into that involve runaways and domestic issues. As of this report, there are no other known issues to report.

I hope to see you all at the next meeting. Please feel free to contact me; you do not need to wait for the A/C meeting to speak to me or inform me of a concern. A special thank you to those that take the time to call when you see our efforts making a difference. The guy and gals patrolling your area appreciate it more than you know.

Respectfully,

Angela

The next meeting date:

October 1, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at Southridge Middle School.

Please submit any items for the next meeting's agenda by September 29, 2009 to:

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