

**CITY OF FONTANA
FONTANA POLICE DEPARTMENT**

TO: All attendees of the Central Area Community Meeting
(First Baptist Church, 17244 Randall)
FROM: Lieutenant Gary Aulis, Central Area Commander
DATE: June 4, 2007

SUBJECT: COMMUNITY MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 29, 2007

Lieutenant Aulis

- Introductions
- Advised he is currently the area commander for the central area of Fontana, currently taking over for Lt. Ramsey. Advised this is the third meeting with a different area commander. Advised the reason for that was because Lt. Stark was transferred to the Administration Unit and Lt. Ramsey was re-assigned as the School Police Chief. Advised he is now the contact person for the police department and city for the area between Foothill and the 10 freeway. Call him at 356-7113 or e-mail him at gaulis@fontana.org with any questions or concerns.
- The reason for the Area Commander's Program is for citizens to have a point of contact whether it is for the Police Department, Code Enforcement, or any other city department. The most important purpose of this program is to listen to what citizens have to say and to offer help of where to go when there are problems.
- Advised the best resources we can provide residents are on www.fontanapd.org or www.fontana.org. On the Police Department website you are able to report abandoned vehicles, graffiti and also abandoned shopping carts. Now there is also a link to report any street lights which may be out.
- Advised these community meetings are conducted to inform residents on what is going on in the city and to hear the concerns of the residents. Advised these meetings are 90 minutes long and will cover old business and updates from the last meeting and also there will be a chance for residents to ask questions.
- Updates- The new Home Depot is being developed.
- The City Hall expansion is underway and is scheduled for completion in 2008.
- The Police Department is currently working on a new Loud Party Ordinance which will soon be going in front of the council for approval.
- What's New – City Population is now 182,000 and increasing. We currently have 189 officers with 195 approved positions. Code Compliance is now under the Police Department and are now working weekends.
- New sidewalks are being installed on Newport, Mango, and Wheeler from Orange to Arrow.
- The Fontana Day's Parade is Saturday, June 2nd.
- Downtown Façade phase one is now complete and phase two is about to begin.
- The Lewis Family Library is on schedule and should be completed by Spring of 2008.

- Come Play on the Freeway: The Finale! Its a community event with lots of activities and entertainment for the whole family. Admission to this fun-filled event is free. Prior registration and fees are required to participate in the run, walk, ride and car show events. The fun will take place on the new Route 210 in Rialto and San Bernardino- a rare chance to play on the freeway, so don't miss out! Saturday June 23, 2007 from 7am to 1pm. For more information, visit the event website, www.playonthe210.org or call the Route 210 helpline, 1-866-HELP-210. Route 210 is scheduled to open to drivers by late 2007.
- Mow down air pollution-Once again, the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) is pleased to offer to AQMD residents an opportunity to help clean the air by exchanging an old, operable, gasoline-powered lawn mower and purchase a new Neuton 24 volt cordless rechargeable electric mower for only \$100 (sales tax included). Pre-registration is required. There will be eight locations and dates for the 2007 exchange events. For more information please contact AQMD at (800) CUT-SMOG (288-7664).

Video of the State of the City Address by Mayor Nuaimi at the 2007 Mayor's Gala

(Video stopped 1/2 way through, here are the highlights of the complete video)

- The city of Fontana is the 2nd largest city in the county.
- We have over \$200 million invested in projects to improve our community.
- Sales tax in Fontana is allowing us to expand our services which include hiring more police officers.
- With some of the sales tax the city was able to afford to annex some county areas which brought in over 12,000 more residents into the city.
- The city of Fontana is looking at surpluses of \$20 million a year for the next 15 to 20 years and that's after the general fund gets \$5 million.
- Advised David Allen of the Daily Bulletin stated "What's really amazing to me is how drastically the Inland Valley has changed since 1997. Fontana got the California Speedway, and what with the city's new high-end homes, Fontana is now envied rather than joked about". Mayor Nuaimi advised the best is yet to come.
- Young Homes donated \$1.5 million to the Regional Library and in honoring the men and women who helped build Fontana the new Theater will be called Steel Workers Hall.
- Advised next year's Mayor's Gala will be held at the new Regional Library which is scheduled to open early 2008.
- The \$60 million Fontana Park will be opening next year also. It has an Olympic sized swimming pool with fourteen competition lanes, a skate park, large community center, and a dog park..
- The Fontana Unified School district along with the city has started The Smart Kids Program, 37 schools have approximately 3300 students involved in this after school tutoring type program.
- There are major transportation improvements happening in the City of Fontana, which include Cypress Overpass, Citrus and Cherry Interchange along with the Beech overpass. The Duncan Canyon and Sierra interchange along the 15 freeway as well.
- \$20 million sewer trunk line on San Bernardino Avenue.

- The city of Fontana will be getting more hotels, more restaurants, more medical offices and Rock Honda will have two dealerships on the Miracle Mile.
- The city and the Fontana Unified School District are continually fighting the Fontana Water Company and the rate increases.
- Advised there is a language barrier with most of the residents in the city of Fontana. The goal is to teach everyone who can not speak English to speak English. Fontana Unified School District now offers classes that teach parents English. The goal is to break that barrier in the next five years.

Questions and Concerns of residents

THE ITEMS IN BOLD PRINT REFLECT ACTIONS TAKEN

- Asked if the noise ordinance also applies to day time? ***Lt. Aulis advised yes it does.***
- Advised on Emerald between Ceres and Merrill the street is too narrow when cars park on both sides and only one vehicle can pass at a time. ***Lt. Aulis advised he will notify Traffic Engineering to address that issue. Traffic Engineering was advised and is evaluating the block. Restricting parking is one option, but is unlikely as it will likely effect only one side of the street and generate more complaints than the current condition.***
- Advised Lt. Aulis' area goes from the 10 freeway to Foothill but asked what are the east and west boundaries. ***Lt. Aulis advised the east and west boundaries for the central area are the city limits.***
- Advised he has lived in Fontana for over 25 years and Citrus and Cherimoya have never been repaved. The county says every 20 years the streets should be repaved and asked what the city standards are. ***Lt. Aulis advised he was unsure however he will find out from Traffic Engineering.***
- Asked if the Graffiti team cleans up graffiti in the County area and if not does the city relay that information to the County so it can be cleaned up. ***Lt. Aulis advised the city response time with graffiti clean up 90% of the time is 24 hours. Advised he is unsure if they report it to the County if the graffiti is in county area.***
- Advised he has called the phone number for Code Enforcement which is in the phone book and all you get is an answering machine. Advised he has gone down the Code Enforcement and has waited outside and rang the bell for 5 minutes before anyone came to help him. Advised he called the Code Compliance Inspector for 2 ½ weeks and never received a call back. When he went down to Code Compliance the inspector was sitting at his desk not answering his phone. Advised he called dispatch and explained his situation and they advised him that is was a Code Enforcement issue. Also advised at Hawthorne and Date since the barricades were removed there have been many speeders and most of them are from the High School. ***Corporal Waddell advised he is unsure if they have extra patrolled that area however they have worked several areas in the city. The traffic unit is going to be doing a Neighborhood Enrichment Program on June 14, 2007 and all this information is good so you will probably see the Traffic Unit and Code Enforcement in these areas which were mentioned.***
- Advised at 9745 Oleander for about 6 weeks there has been a truck in the front of a house with no engine, Code compliance must have been notified because now it was moved into their driveway however now there is another older car parked there.

Advised three officers have passed right by it without doing anything. *Lt. Aulis advised the officers were probably on their way to a call so they didn't have time to stop and a lot of times if the vehicles are on the property then Code Enforcement deals with them. Corporal Waddell advised he has heard a lot of traffic concerns and has taken each area into consideration for the Neighborhood Enrichment.*

- A resident provided photos to Lt. Aulis and Corporal Waddell of a problem house in his area. *Photos were provided to Traffic Division and Code Enforcement for follow-up.*
- Advised her neighbors are cutting up vehicles at their residence and everyday they are parking right across the sidewalk. Advised Code Inspector Tejada and the Traffic Sergeant went out to the house when the vehicles were parked across the sidewalk and nothing was done about it. *Residence is in the area that will be addressed during the June 14, 2007 Neighborhood Enrichment Program.*
- Advised this same house has other issue that might need to be looked into. Advised there are usually about 20 guys at this house which is 9511 Briarwood and a car pulls up, honks the horn and a guys comes out and two seconds the vehicle leaves. *Lt. Aulis advised he will let our Narcotics Unit know about the possible narcotics at the location.*
- Advised on the southwest corner of the park there is a big mud puddle and there have been issues in the past with mosquitoes and wants to get that taken care of before they have the same issue again. Advised it's in the corner and it's fenced off. *Lt. Aulis advised he will let public works know. Public Works is in the final stages of a bid process to install a sump basin and sump pump to continually remove the standing water. Additional construction is planned and once construction starts the area will be pumped out daily. ETA to the completion of the construction is approximately 4 months. At the conclusion of the construction the problem should be permanently resolved.*
- Advised this is a code enforcement issue on Cypress just south of the DMV there is a house which sits back from the street and has about 20 vehicles in the driveway. *The residence is at 9037 Cypress. Several vehicles were cited by patrol officers and Code Enforcement issued a notice for the resident to comply with other noted violations by 6/12/07. Follow-up will be done at that time to determine if they are in compliance and further action will be taken if they are not.*
- Advised he has lived in this city his whole life and it seems that more concentration is on the North and south ends of town and not the center city. The center city is like the step child of Fontana. *Chief Clark and Lt. Aulis advised there has been a lot happening within the center city it's just more noticeable in both the north and south end because it's all new development whereas the Center city is more redevelopment. The center city has got the new senior centers, the library, and redevelopment of Jack Bulik Park.*
- Advised the problems with their area are shopping carts and graffiti. Advised she lives across the street from the hospital and there are about 10 houses for sale with yards which are not kept up, advised Code is not keeping the neighborhoods up. Advised Weed abatement is suppose to be done by the end of April. *Chief advised the notices do go out by April 29th. Advised the whole process of weed abatement is*

completed by the end of July because the inspectors have to post it and then go back and re-inspect the area.

- *Advised she has seen many city vehicles drive by those houses and asked why they can't see the issues when she can. Lt. Aulis advised he will pass the information on to the new Code Inspectors for the area which are Darlene Nelson and Karen Hampton. Advised Tamarind between Marygold and San Bernardino are not part of the city as of yet. Late June everything west of Alder from San Bernardino to the 10 freeway will be brought into the city.*
- *Asked if the new residents will be informed of the City Codes. Chief Clark advised all the new residents will receive city packets with all the information in it.*
- *Asked if they can pass around a list of problems. Chief Clark advised if you have an address give it to Lt. Aulis.*
- *Advised Fontana Days is this weekend and during the Christmas Parade she advised she had an experience. She advised handicap people have to walk 2 blocks. Asked if the Traffic Unit can sit down and come up with better streets to close and detour people. Lt. Aulis advised the Traffic Unit does consider all factors when closing streets down for parades.*
- *Advised last year at Mango and Arrow the traffic officer wouldn't let anyone out. Advised she stopped counting after the officer let 100 vehicles turn left without letting the other traffic go. Chief Clark advised every time there is a parade or a race the city always has traffic issues. Advised he suggests staying away from the area during those times.*
- *Advised during the parade last year she felt it was inappropriate to have officer lounging on their vehicles not doing anything about the pedestrians. If the officer is going to be there have them do work. Also asked why parents were walking with parade with their strollers. Advised they do not need to be in the street during the parade. Information was passed on to Traffic Division, which coordinates traffic control for special events.*
- *Advised that 2 to 3 meetings ago a code inspector was there and said that they are reactive and not proactive to complaints. There are a lot of people living in one house. The owner turned a three bedroom home into a six bedroom home and it's now like apartments they are renting out. Lt. Aulis advised that part of the Area Commander Program is to deal with these issues. Chief Clark advised there are no restrictions on the number of people living in one residence there is nothing the city can do. However if there were modifications done to the house which were unpermitted then Code Compliance can deal with that issue.*
- *Asked if there were any fire codes for those types of violations. Chief Clark advised there are also no fire codes to deal with that issue, however there are things we can do if they are renting out the rooms or if it is like a boarding house because there are restrictions.*
- *Advised she was flipping through the channels and saw a planning commission meeting and the north end of Fontana is having the same problems.*
- *Asked with the growth of Fontana how the Police Department is handling it. Lt. Aulis advised the Police Department has been able to keep pace with the growth. We have never fallen significantly below man power. We are now being able to expand our divisions and are starting to become fully staffed in patrol.*

- Asked what could be done with the multiple families living in one residence. **Chief Clark advised if there are people sleeping in the garages or outside then call us, we can't deal with the number of people living at the location however can take care of the modifications made to the house without permits.**
- Advised south on Citrus just between Arrow and Foothill there have been at least 7 accidents, advised he lives on Ivy and the accidents are usually caused by people making left turns into the parking lot of the market. **Corporal Waddell advised he will meet with Traffic Engineering, advised there are plans to add a center raised median which will help take care of the left turn problems on Citrus however he is unsure if it's at that location. Planned median is for Citrus, but further south (near the railroad tracks).**
- Advised on Foothill the speed limit is 45 miles per hour but people usually go faster than that. Approximately two years ago there was an accident where a baby was killed at Beech and Foothill. **Chief Clark advised that Foothill use to be maintained by Cal-Trans and it's just recently the city had taken it over.**
- Advised July 4th is coming up and California is really dry and thinks it's a waste of water to put out fires caused by fireworks and feels the City Council should ban fireworks. **Lt. Aulis advised the City Council had recently decided to ban fireworks and as of July 5, 2008 fireworks will be illegal in the city of Fontana.**
- Asked if police still need addresses of where the illegal fireworks are being shot off. **Lt. Aulis advised if you see residents at a house shooting off illegal fireworks please call our dispatch and give them the address. Chief Clark added if you give us an area such as a cross street that would help also.**
- Asked if the people can post signs in your yard such as Real estate open house signs there are usually 5 or 6 each weekend on the corner. **Lt. Aulis advised there is an ordinance stating that you can not put them out. Chief Clark advised it can not be on any public parkways but could be on private property if permission is granted by the property owner.**
- Asked if Fontana has a plan to put sewers in at the new annexed areas. **Chief Clark advised there will be contact information on who to call in the packet which is given to new residents of Fontana. If there is a sewer line there it's up to the property owner if they want to hook up to it.**
- Asked if yard sales need to have permits and how many are allowed each year because they have a neighbor who has a yard sale every single weekend and don't have a permit. **Lt. Aulis advised we do issue permits for yard sales and it's around 2 or 3 permits issued per year. If you see yard sales like that please give us a call and we'll send out a code enforcement officer to check if they have a permit or not.**
- Asked if ice cream trucks are required to have a permit. **Lt. Aulis advised ice cream trucks are required to have a business license and they are not allowed to have any audible music. Chief Clark advised a letter was sent out to all of the ice cream trucks who were issued a business license and were notified of the City Ordinance about amplified music.**
- Asked if Push carts need to have a business license also. **Chief Clark advised push cart vendors are illegal and this Saturday the Police Department is having a vendor sweep. Sweep on June 2, 2007, resulted in 30 citations issued and 15 pushcarts (along with their goods) seized and destroyed.**

- When the police department goes out to mark a vehicle abandoned and the owner comes and rips the orange tag off of the vehicle how does the police department know that the vehicle was marked as an abandoned vehicle. *Lt. Aulis advised usually the CSO will check the vehicle to see if it had been moved even if they rip the tag off we have a record that it was marked.*
- Advised the storm drains are full of trash and the county flood control is collecting water and have a lot of mosquitoes. *Information passed on to County Flood Control.*
- Asked if vehicles can park in front of mailboxes. *Lt. Aulis advised he just received a letter in the mail saying that it is a federal offense to park in front of the mailboxes. Another resident advised he had called the Post Master here at the Fontana Post Office and she stated that it was illegal, but not enforced. The resident was also told the mailman won't deliver your mail if a vehicle is parked in front of the mailbox.*
- Advised Alder is used as a drag racing strip. Advised it's usually between Randall and Merrill and it use to be vehicles but now it's more motorcycles, advised they are running stop signs and it happens about 3-4 times a week starting on Thursday nights. *Lt. Aulis advised there are going to be signals installed along alder and Traffic engineering advised they are going to be looking at changing the speed limit on Alder from 45 miles per hour to 40 miles per hour, he advised this should help with some of the racing issues on Alder.*

THE NEXT MEETING DATE IS AUUGUST 21, 2007 AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, 17244 RANDALL (CORNER OF RANDALL/PALMETTO) AT 6:30 PM.

PLEASE SUBMIT ANY ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA BEFORE AUGUST 20, 2007 TO:

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