

**CITY OF FONTANA
FONTANA POLICE DEPARTMENT**

TO: All attendees of the Central Area Community Meeting
FROM: Lieutenant Gary Aulis, Central Area Commander
DATE: November 21, 2007

SUBJECT: COMMUNITY MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 20, 2007

Lieutenant Aulis

- Welcomed everyone to the last community meeting of the year.
- Following the meeting on August 21, 2007, the Mayor's Office, City Code Enforcement and the Fontana Police Department received complaints from citizens who attended the meeting. These complaints were in regards to the disruptive behavior exhibited by some attendees of the meeting. We continue to encourage all citizens to attend these meetings to get up-to-date information about the City of Fontana and to voice questions or concerns. These meetings are not the proper forum for personnel complaints or personal attacks against citizens or City of Fontana employees; nor are they an appropriate setting for yelling or speaking loudly over another citizen or presenter who has the floor. As the host agency for the meeting, it is the responsibility of the Fontana Police Department to ensure a productive atmosphere where everyone has an equal opportunity to voice their opinion or concern. In order to meet this responsibility, disruptive behavior will no longer be tolerated and may, at future meetings, be cause for dismissal/removal from the meeting. We regret that such an announcement has become necessary, however when such behavior is recognized by other citizens as disruptive then it has clearly been allowed to continue for too long. If you have any questions, please contact Lt. Gary Aulis directly at (909) 356-7113 or gaulis@fontana.org. Thank you for your cooperation and participation in these meetings.
- Introductions
- 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 if it be 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. On the city website there is also a link to Community Connection which provides a lot of good information of what is going on in the city.

- If you see graffiti in the area call 350-GONE. If a Street light is out call 350-OUTT. Any illegal dumping 428-DUMP. Also there is a link for the graffiti hotline and also the street light hotline on the police department's website.
- The police department conducted the Community Enrichment Program here in the center city on October 4th. This Community Enrichment was in the area which we just annexed. There were 216 parking citations issued.
- The Military Banner Program is designed to honor current military personnel with a banner that will list his/her name and the branch of service. The banner will be proudly displayed on a thoroughfare within the city. Through the generosity and donations from local businesses, organizations, and individuals, the banner is provided at no cost to the service member and his/her family. The banner will be displayed as long as the service member is on active duty. To qualify the service member must currently be on active duty serving with any branch of the US Military and be a resident, family member or relative of a resident living in the City of Fontana, or they are or were a resident of the city of Fontana during their ages of 1 through 21 years old. For more information or to get an application please see the American Legion Post 262 via mail or walk in to 15840 Foothill Blvd in Fontana or call (909) 823-8061.
- The Mayor and City Council invite area citizens to join Mr. and Mrs. Claus as they take time out of their busy schedules to participate in the Fontana's annual Christmas parade. Marching clubs, dancers, and groups with floats are all encouraged to participate by calling the City Clerks Office at (909) 350-7655 to register by Friday, November 30th. The parade will take place on December 8th beginning at 10am.
- There will be some construction on Foothill they are working on a raised median. This project will be completed February 19, 2008.
- From Cherry to East- Left Turns are now prohibited.
- The library is on schedule to open next year.
- On October 26th there was a ground breaking for the Cypress overpass.
- The Police Department's annual Shop with a Cop and Fontana Santa's are coming up on December 15th. If you would like to donate a toy for children 0 to teenager please contact Heather Howard at (909) 350-7758.
- The K9 Pals Golf Tournament raised \$15,000 in one day. Just before Halloween the K9's went and visited children at Kaiser Hospital. They will be doing that again before Christmas.

Officer Valerie Tripodi-Bike Unit

- Advised she is an officer who is assigned to the Bike Unit.
- Advised if you see graffiti in Fontana to call 350-GONE. Make sure when you call it in to give the location of the graffiti and a brief description of it.
- If your property is tagged call the police department to report it.
- Advised there are different types of graffiti:
 - **Gang Graffiti:**
 - Usually claim territory (i.e. Sur, 13, IE, LA) Advised 13 usually stand for the letter "M" since it's the thirteenth letter in the alphabet and stands for Mexican Mafia.
 - Usually contains gang clique or moniker. Usually their moniker's don't change

- Sometimes they get artsy but not too often.
- **Tagging Graffiti:**
 - Usually artsy- bubbly design
 - Usually have crews or krews
 - Monikers change often- some have 6 or more and usually changes depending on their mood.
 - Usually very proud of work.
 - Use different colors
 - Some times tagging crews can form into gangs.
- Advised we had arrested a tagger for 6 felony case with us, 9 with San Bernardino and a couple in Colton and Rancho Cucamonga. He went by “Doer”.
- Advised if you see graffiti in the area you can also report it online on the Fontana Police Department website.
- Advised an important fact you should know is when you see the 13 written either as a 13 or X3 that means they are affiliated with the Mexican Mafia. If you see a gang crossed out or something written over it make sure you call the police department. That serves as intelligence for our officers.
- There is a new noise ordinance which in effect gives the officers an option to cite the home owners if they are called out to the same location more than once in a night regarding a disturbance. Now it is not necessary to get a written complaint from a neighbor. The fines for the 1st offence is \$100, the 2nd time is \$200 and every time after that it’s \$500 each time.

Laura VanSciver-Community Services

- The Festival of Winter is December 8, 2007- There will be a skating rink, and snow, followed by the lighting of the Christmas tree.

Questions and Concerns of residents

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- Advised on Foothill where they are doing the road work the very first metal plate they put down is started to move. ***Lt. Aulis advised he will let Public Works know.***
- Asked when they will divide the rest of Foothill. ***Lt. Aulis advised at this time he did not know.***
- Advised he seen a group of officers on bikes on Foothill at about 6pm the other night, he thought it was odd because he has never seen that many before and they didn’t have headlights or reflectors. ***Officer Tripodi advised one of the bike officers is a bike course instructor and a couple of days ago we had Upland PD out here to train that’s probably why so many officers out there.***
- Advised on the south side of the 10 freeway going east near Cherry there is a wall there that is covered with graffiti it’s like 500 ft of nothing but graffiti. ***Officer Tripodi advised she will check it out.***
- Asked what is the typical punishment for someone who is caught doing graffiti. ***Officer Tripodi advised the first offense is usually probation and fines. Then from there they can get summary probation which is a more formal form of probation. The punishment also depends on if the crime was a misdemeanor or a felony.***

- Asked what the difference between a felony and a misdemeanor is. ***Officer Tripodi advised a misdemeanor is anything under \$400 and a felony is anything more than \$400.***
- Asked if you see graffiti on a business do you call the graffiti hotline. ***Officer Tripodi advised yes you can call the graffiti hotline.***
- Asked if you hear something or see someone tagging do you call the police or the 350-Gone. ***Officer Tripodi advised if you see someone tagging make sure you call the police department.***
- Asked if the City of Fontana is proactive or reactive to graffiti. ***Officer Tripodi advised they are a little bit of both.***
- Advised she has seen graffiti on the bottom of the stop signs more often.
- Asked how many graffiti removal trucks does the city of Fontana have? ***Officer Tripodi advised she thinks there is two.***
- Advised he lives by Bulik Park and there is graffiti at the park at least three or four times a week advised there was also a house that was graffiti'd and while the guy was at the park cleaning up the graffiti he went and asked if he can clean the house which had graffiti on it and he told him no because there was no call in for it and he got in his truck and left.
- Advised that there are so many houses empty now and wondered if that was going to impact the graffiti in the city. ***Officer Tripodi advised not all empty houses are vandalized. There are a couple of problem houses but not all.***
- Asked he if would be able to get a list of the graffiti that is in the area and what it means. ***Officer Tripodi advised we do not have a list that the public can view however you can always call an officer out when you see the graffiti and ask him if he knows what it means.***
- Advised he retired from Cal-Trans and advised Riverside County has a list and all you have to do is contact them and they will get a list to you.
- Advised if you don't want us to have what the graffiti means why show us. ***Lt. Aulis advised we showed this presentation just so you know the difference between tagging and gang graffiti.***
- Advised she is seeing more graffiti on the sidewalks. ***Officer Josh Macmillan advised those are mostly kids who are doing that on their way to school, they are too afraid to do it on the walls so they do it on the sidewalk.***
- Asked what it would take to get another graffiti removal truck. ***Lt. Aulis advised to call Chuck Hays with Public works to find out.***
- Asked if there was a time for the new noise ordinance. ***Lt. Aulis advised the new ordinance does not specify a time or what type of noise either.***
- Asked why officers can't take the band or DJ equipment when they go to shut down a party. ***Lt. Aulis advised because it's an admin cite, we don't take evidence for those citations.***
- Asked if it would apply to individuals who make a lot of noise. ***Lt. Aulis advised this ordinance would apply and would be dealt with the same as a party.***
- Asked if there was an ordinance for dumpster diving. ***Lt. Aulis advised yes there is. Anytime you see someone going through your trash make sure to give us a call.***
- Asked if there was a law where an ice cream truck can not go within 1000 feet from schools. ***Lt. Aulis advised yes there is.***

- Asked if there has been any attempt to enforce the music ordinance on ice cream trucks. *Lt. Aulis advised yes the officers are suppose to cite the trucks and also check for a business license.*
- Asked if the police department is continuing to crack down on push cart vendors. *Lt. Aulis advised push carts are illegal. We cite the violators and take away their carts and then next day they are out there again. It's hard because they don't have proper identification.*
- Thanked the city for the sidewalks on Tamarind.
- Advised he got a phone call with a company taking advantage of the Police Department's verified response policy. *Lt. Aulis advised Captain Hostetter advised that might happen at the last meeting.*

THE NEXT MEETING DATE IS FEBRUARY 21, 2008 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 FEBRUARY 20, 2008 TO:

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