

**CITY OF FONTANA
FONTANA POLICE DEPARTMENT**

TO: All attendees of the Hunter's Ridge Community Meeting
FROM: Lt. George Bloom, Area Commander Beat 1
DATE: April 11, 2007

SUBJECT: Community Meeting Minutes of April 9, 2007

Lieutenant Bloom

There were 43 Hunter's Ridge Residents in attendance

- Introductions
- Advised he is currently the Area Commander for Hunter's Ridge Community and everything north of the 210 freeway. If you have any questions, call him at 350-7706 or e-mail him at gbloom@fontana.org.
- For good information go www.Fontana.org, which is the city's website. The city's website has a link to the Police Department's website. Another good website is www.hunters-ridge.com which has a forum where you can ask questions and get answers. That website is viewed by not only Hunter's Ridge residents but by the mayor and personnel of the city.
- Advised the City of Fontana will be holding their 52nd Annual Fontana Days Run, which is a ½ marathon run, 5k run and 5k Race Walk, fitness walk and Children's ½ mile dash on June 2, 2007. There will be:
 - Prize money and great goodie bags
 - Awards to top three finishers in each age division
 - Certified course and sanctioned event
 - Finish line refreshments
 - Finisher gift to all participants
 - Commemorative t-shirt
 - Commemorative lapel pin
 - Ample parking and water stations
 - Vendor expo and live entertainment

You can register online at active.com or www.fontanarecreation.org.

- Community Clean up and Recycling Day is coming April 14, 2007 from 8 am to 2pm. It's free to all Fontana City Residents only. You must bring you Burretec Refuse bill. The acceptable wastes are: refuse, appliances, sofas/mattresses, televisions/computer monitors, green waste, tires (limit 4), electronic waste, and hazardous waste. Be prepared to source separate your load. When loading your vehicle keep in mind that items such as metal, appliances, TV's, monitors, tires and household hazardous wastes will be off loaded at different locations. If items can be reused, please check with local thrift stores such as Goodwill or the Salvation Army to see if they will accept these items. For more information please call Public Works at (909) 350-6760.

- 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).
- Advised if you see shopping carts in the area you can call 350-6760 to report them to our Public Works. Our public works will pick them up and contact the store to pick up the shopping carts at City Yards. You can also report them online.
- You can also report any abandon vehicle in the city of Fontana online. Just go to the Police department's website and click on Abandon Vehicles and fill out the form and one of our Community Service Officers will respond to the location to check it out.
- Department and Area statistics:
 - 182 sworn officers
 - 195 approved positions
 - City population 177,000-178,000
 - Residential Burglaries for the last 6 months for the north end of Fontana.

October	5
November	2
December	3
January	1
February	9
March	1

February a group of people had a day where they went out and kicked in four doors in the Hunter's Ridge area. That is why the number for February is so high.

- Vehicle Burglaries for the last 6 months for the north end of Fontana.

October	8
November	18
December	13
January	19
February	13
March	12

Vehicle burglaries have seemed to become a problem all over the city, the best way to prevent a vehicle burglary is to park your vehicles in the garage. Every citizen need to do some proactive things to help prevent vehicle burglaries. Another thing that could be done is to not leave anything in your vehicle. Vehicle burglary is a crime of opportunity so don't give the criminal an opportunity to take your stuff. About 40 % all burglaries could be prevented if people would lock the car, close the garage door or take valuables out of the vehicle.

- Grand theft automobiles for the last 6 months in the north end of Fontana

October	3
November	8
December	6
January	5
February	2
March	2

The whole city on an average of 75 to 100 vehicles are taken a month.

Lawrence Meyer-Fontana Library Foundation

- Advised he is one of two Hunter’s Ridge Residents on the Fontana Library Foundation Committee.
- The Committees’ goal was to raise \$20 million for the Library.
- Most of the donations came from the Mayor’s Gala where the Lewis Family donated \$5 million.
- Advised the donations are around \$15 million right now and they plan on having a topping off ceremony at the library site where you will be able to write your name on the beams that will be going into the library. That ceremony should be around the end of May. For more information and the exact date check the website.

Officer John MacMillan-Traffic Division

- Advised he has been working with the Fontana Police Department for 27 years and has worked with the traffic division for most of his career whether it be as a motor officer, commercial officer which he does now, etc.
- Advised the traffic division is always open to hearing your complaint regarding traffic related issues.
- Advises he likes to be proactive however with traffic, they are usually reactive to problems already existing.
- The commercial trucks on Cherry have been taken care of and the Lieutenant did a good job of getting on top of that problem.

Principal Alexander-DW Long Elementary School

- Advised the alarm had been going off for long periods of time and at the time it was an audible alarm which means outside homes would be able to hear it when it went off. Since the school received complaints and wanted to be a good neighbor they changed their alarm to be inaudible, which means the alarm will only be heard within the school grounds.
- Advised once the school changed their alarm system to inaudible the first time in eight years someone was able to break into the school and actually enter a classroom. They had several more broken windows than usual and there seemed to be a lot more problems such as graffiti and vandalism to the school since they went inaudible. So the school made the decision to go back to an audible alarm. Advised she is very sorry for any inconvenience this may cause for residents however encouraged anyone who sees anyone on the property on the weekends such as suspicious people or skateboarders to call the Fontana Police Department.
- Advised when the school first opened the school district wanted to put it to front Cherry however the city said no. When it opened there was a designated waiting lane

however with the new engineer that stopped but recently was put back. Advised they have advised their parents not to park there and they have a designated area where parents can park during special events.

- Any school 15 minutes before and 15 minutes after school there will be a traffic problem no matter what school your child is in.

Dan West- Parks and Landscape

- Went over the proposed budget for the Hunter's Ridge area.
 - The personnel cost increased \$7,600 (due to increased wages)
 - The operating cost decreased \$2,000
 - Other professional services decreased \$4,200
 - The grand total for the Landscape and maintenance is \$776,200. A \$150,600 decrease from the year prior.
- Advised what this budget pays for is paying for the park maintenance crew, tree pruning, landscaping, weed abatement, graffiti removal, etc.

THE ITEMS IN BOLD PRINT REFLECT ACTIONS TAKEN

Concerns of Hunter's Ridge Residents:

- Suggested on southbound Cherry at Beech going towards the shopping center maybe another left turn lane could be installed. Advised some people already make their own second left turn lane. ***Officer Macmillan advised that would have to go to engineering to approve that. Advised it will also depend on what will be developed on the Southeast corner of Cherry and Beech.***
- Advised Sierra Lakes Parkway just west of the Home Depot, that road is substandard is there any plans on fixing that. ***Officer Macmillan advised that road will be eventually widened. That part of the city is the roughest part up here in the north end of the city. With development it will be widened just like South Highland was.***
- Asked how far along the Fire Department is. ***Another resident advised the fire stations is ½ way done and it's located on Duncan Canyon Road.***
- When you are getting on to the 15 freeway from Beech, because the turn lane isn't long enough people are sitting in the median and was wondering if that median could possibly become a broken yellow line to be long enough for traffic turning onto the 15 freeway. ***Lt Bloom advised that was answered in the last meeting minutes and Eric Lewis with the Engineering advised: with the striping being a component of the Summit / 15 interchange, any changes would have to be approved by Caltrans. At our request, they reviewed this situation approximately 3 years ago. With the increased traffic in the area, we will review it with them again for potential changes.***
- Advised with Coyote Canyon opening up there has been more traffic and more speeders. ***Officer MacMillan advised we will have to wait for engineering to do a speed survey for the street up there but engineering usually waits until all the homes are developed and the street is completed.***
- Asked what the definition of "when children are present" is. ***Officer Macmillan advised it is when children are present at the front of the school whether it is before school or after school it doesn't mean while they are in school it's just when students are coming to school or leaving school when the speed limit is 25 miles per hour.***

- Advised the west end of Hunter's Ridge is full of weeds, holes, kids hanging out at the wash and advised they have a really bad snake problem. ***Dan West and Chuck Hays advised they will look into it.***
- Asked with the Village of Heritage LMD's Rate increase their LMD's are still lower than Hunter's Ridge, why is that when they have so much more landscaping than Hunter's Ridge does. ***Chuck Hays advised it is because they have many more residents living in their community than Hunter's Ridge does.***
- Advised the lights of the parking lot in Hunter's Ridge Park are busted out. ***Dan West advised they are aware of the problem and those are being replaced.***
- Advised at Foxridge and Cherry there is light pole that needs to be removed on the southwest side.
- Asked if they will see an increase of LMD's. ***Chuck Hays advised there will not be an increase of LMD's this year.***
- In regards to the landscaping in Hunter's Ridge, who pays for the water. ***Dan West advised it's on the budget under utilities, it's not broken down by a certain utility however it's all put together in the budget. If you would like to see the broken down version of the budget give Dan West or Chuck Hays a call.***
- Advised when the baseball teams leave the park they usually leave the lights on. ***Dan West advised they will advise Community Services of the issue since they are the ones who will take care of it.***
- Asked what are the new parks being developed in the area. ***Chuck Hays advised the new parks coming in the area are Coyote Canyon Park which will have three baseball fields. Then there is also Fontana Park which will have a new skate park, swimming pool, recreation center, this park will be open March or April of 2008. Advised the Fontana Park is a \$60 million park and Coyote Canyon Park is the Developers park.***
- Asked what is occurring at San Sevaine and Summit to Cherry. Advised it looks like they might be re-routing the flood control.
- Asked why there is still a stop sign at San Sevaine and Summit and Cherry just underneath the 15 freeway, if they are tearing up that street there is no need for a stop sign. ***Officer Macmillan advised the city will not change that stop sign because there is a long process to go through just to remove the sign and once the street opens up then the city would have to go through the process again to put the stop sign back up. If the sign is taken down the city has to assume certain liability for that area.***
- Asked if the new recreation center at the Fontana Park will be open to all residents free of charge. ***Chuck Hays advised yes the Recreation Center at Fontana Park will be open to residents free of charge.***
- Lt. Bloom asked what everyone would like to see or hear about at these community meetings. ***A resident advised he believed most of the resident's issues are due to traffic related problems, would like someone from the Traffic Engineering department to attend the meetings to answer any questions residents may have.***
- Asked when the water rates with Fontana Water Company will decrease. ***Chuck Hays advised you probably will not see a decrease, however what the city is fighting for is so that the Water Company can not increase the rates anymore. If anything***

you will not see a change in your water bill but could also increase a little depending on the decision of the Public Utility Commission.

- Advised she heard at Rodeo Way and Bullpen there is a half way house. Asked if there are any restrictions on sexual predators because she believed one was a sexual predator. Advised one of the roommates at that location just sits up in his room and stares at girls as they play and walk outside. ***Lt. Bloom advised he is aware of the house and has looked into it. Advised it is not a half way house but the owner is renting out two rooms in the house. Lt. Bloom also advised recently a law was passed called Jessica's Law which stated sexual offenders can not live within a radius of 1000 feet from schools. However it went to litigation because attorney's got a hold of this and said if a person is not on parole they have no terms and can not be told where to live. Plus if you map out all of the schools and mark off 1000 feet radius from each school there is only a small area where the sexual offenders would be able to live.***
- A resident advised he went on the Megan's law website and ran the zip code 92336 and it says there are 73 sexual offenders living in Hunter's Ridge. ***Lt. Bloom advised the whole zip code of 92336 is from Foothill all they way north it's not just Hunter's Ridge.***
- Asked what residents can do to make sure their children are not victimized. ***Lt. Bloom advised getting to know all your neighbors is most important, maybe organize a Neighborhood Watch, or have parents take turns walking kids to school. For more information on how to join our Neighborhood Watch Program contact Amber Smith (909) 350-7710 or asmith@fontana.org for more information.***
- Asked if there has been any shooting in Hunter's Ridge. ***Lt. Bloom advised there was a murder suicide approximately 9 months ago.***
- Advised her neighborhood is involved in Neighborhood Watch and recently she received a letter in the mail notifying neighbors about a child molestation accusation. Advised the letter didn't have a return address on it, but thought it wasn't right that they send letters out like this since it's just allegations right now the suspect has not been charged for any crime as of yet and it's still going through the court system. ***Lt. Bloom advised her to talk to him after the meeting so he can get more information.***
- Asked if there was anything that could be done about people letting their houses go. ***Code Inspector Phil Saldana advised to call in the address to Code Compliance and they will be able to check into the problem. Any problems such as inoperable vehicles, yard maintenance issues, weed abatement etc, code compliance can look into it.***
- Advised Verizon is making a mess of their neighborhoods and not cleaning it up. At Hedge Row Court and Huntsman the concrete is very poorly done. ***Lt. Bloom advised they do have a permit to do the work they are doing however Chuck Hays advised the areas they are working on should be returned back to its original condition if not in better condition. If that is not happening please notify the city.***
- Asked if there was a code violation for someone who stores hundreds of gallons of paint in his garage. Advised the resident is a professional painter and stores his paint supplies in his garage and there has to be well over 100 gallons of paint also paint thinner, and other paint supplies. ***Code Inspector Phil Saldana advised to call Code Compliance with an address and he will start checking into it since he will be one***

of the inspectors in that area starting the 1st of May. Advised if you call in a complaint to Code Compliance make sure you leave a phone number where the inspector could get back with you. All of your information is kept confidential.

- It is dangerous at the light at the entrance into the Target Shopping center because now there is a sign which permits u-turns however people are still coming out of the shopping center making a right turn and almost cause an accident. Wondered if it would be possible to get a no right turn on red sign coming out of the parking lot. *Lt. Bloom advised this was brought up last meeting and the answer is in last meeting minutes. Eric Lewis with the Engineering advised: This is common for most traffic signalized locations. It is up to both opposing movements to watch and yield appropriately. Experience has demonstrated that "no right turn on red" signing is ineffective as it violates drivers' expectations that they can turn right when safe to do so. It also increases the need for enforcement. This modification is not recommended at this time.*
- Asked if Wilson will be opening up all the way to Rancho Cucamonga. *Chuck Hays advised he was unsure.*
- Advised he called the police three times regarding a loud party this past weekend, advised the officer informed him that the residents can be evicted due to the party issues. *Lt. Bloom advised we hopefully will have a new city ordinance in affect by this summer, which will allow the police officers to cite the home owner for the loud noises of the party. Advised the ordinance will work when an officer is dispatched to the same party twice in one night, the first response will be a warning and the second, should the officers have to go out a second time, the home owner will be issued a citation.*
- A resident advised the officers did a great job at the party this past weekend when a fight broke out in the street. Advised they are always having issues with this residence on Decoy having parties all the time.
- Asked if there is anything that could be done with unsolicited mail. *Code Compliance Inspector advised to call the post office.*
- Asked what the time frame was for loud parties. *Lt. Bloom advised that there is no time frame if it's disturbing your peace at any time please call the police department.*
- Advised the 4th of July is coming up soon and this has been the driest season ever. What is the city planning to do? *Captain Hostetter advised in two years fireworks will no longer be legal in the city of Fontana, however it won't erase the problem completely. Each year we have about every officer out to do enforcement on illegal fireworks and will continue to have about every officer out for the next two years. Officer Macmillan advised last year we issued a lot of citations for illegal fireworks however only 60% have been collected.*
- Asked why the city decided to ban the fireworks in two years instead of this year. *Officer MacMillan advised it was because they are giving the non-profit organizations time to figure out what other fundraising they can do to compensate for the firework sales.*

THE NEXT MEETING DATE IS JULY 9, 2007. THE MEETING WILL START AT 6:30 PM AT D.W. Long Elementary School (5383 BRIDLEPATH, Fontana CA 92336)

PLEASE SUBMIT ANY ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA BY JULY 8, 2007 TO:

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