

**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:** January 10, 2007

**SUBJECT:** Community Meeting Minutes of January 8, 2007

**Lieutenant Bloom**

***There were 12 Hunter's Ridge Residents in attendance***

- Introductions
- Advised he is currently the Area Commander for Hunter's Ridge Community. If you have any questions call him at 350-7706 or e-mail him at [gbloom@fontana.org](mailto:gbloom@fontana.org).
- For a lot of good information go the [www.Fontana.org](http://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](http://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 City Hall is still under construction, so please plan extra time if you have to visit City Hall, so you will be able to find parking.
- The Citizen's Academy is coming up. The academy is designed to give citizens an overview of the Police Department's policies and procedures. Classes are taught by Police employees, Local Judges, and the District Attorney Office. It's a free nine week academy. Class Size is limited so register early. Topic's covered are:
  - Area Commanders
  - Codified Laws
  - Crime Analyst
  - Crime Scene Investigation
  - Defensive Tactics
  - Disaster Readiness
  - Dispatch
  - Gangs/Narcotics
  - Internal Affairs
  - Investigations
  - K-9 Unit
  - Legal System
  - Patrol Procedures
  - SED
  - Special Operations
  - Traffic Enforcement
  - Volunteering

For more information contact Heather Howard at (909) 350-7758 or email her at [hhoward@fontana.org](mailto:hhoward@fontana.org).

- Our CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) Class is coming up. After a big disaster, emergency help might not be available to you right away. Learn how to take care of yourself and your neighborhoods after a disaster. The classes start January 11, 2007 and will be held for eight weeks. Classes are from 7pm to 9:30pm and are free of charge. If you are interested in becoming a C.E.R.T. Member and would like to sign up for this training course or a course in the future please contact Lt. Tronaas at (909) 350-7778 or Loni at (909) 350-7756.
- Advised if you see shopping carts in the area you can call 800-252-3543 to report them so they will be picked up. Coming soon on the City Website will be a form you can fill out reporting the shopping carts and our public works will pick them up and contact the store to pick up the shopping carts at City Yards.
- Abandon vehicles are a huge problem all over the city. We have now made it easier for you to report abandon vehicles. You can now report any abandon vehicle to us by going to our website ([www.fontanapd.org](http://www.fontanapd.org)) and clicking on abandon vehicles. There is a form you fill out with the vehicle's information such as the make, model, and license plate and the location of the vehicle. That information is then sent to us and the vehicle will be checked out by a Community Service Officer.
- Department and Area statistics:
  - 181 sworn officers
  - 195 approved positions
  - City population 177000-178000
  - Calls for service 4<sup>th</sup> quarter for beat 1: 2, 920
  - Total Calls for service for the whole city: 35, 905
  - Beat 1's calls for service were only 8% of the whole city's calls for service.
  - Response time for priority 1 calls for beat 1: 7:18. Beat 1 has the lowest response time for the whole city this quarter.
  - Residential Alarms calls were the #1 calls for service this quarter. There were 8500 alarms calls and city staff is working on a plan to help alleviate this problem.
- 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.
- Most grand thefts are occurring on construction sites in the area.
- Advised there are plans to conduct a sting where we set up vehicles and load them with goodies in the areas where we have the most problems and try to catch the people who are breaking into the vehicles. We previously had an operation such as this set up at Home Depot and a guy who just got done shoplifting at Home Depot on his way back to his vehicle decided to take something out of our vehicle. He was a parolee and was arrested along with the driver of the vehicle he was in and the two kids in the back of the vehicle were found to be run away juveniles so they went to Juvenile Hall.

## **THE ITEMS IN BOLD PRINT REFLECT ACTIONS TAKEN**

### **Concerns of Hunter's Ridge Residents:**

- Asked to explain the new partnership between the police department and code compliance. ***Jose Delatorre advised everything is still the same the only difference is that Code Compliance has to answer to Captain Jones at the Police Department and that Code Compliance will start working 7 days a week soon.***
- Asked if there has been an increase of mail theft throughout the city. ***Lt. Bloom advised that often mail theft goes unreported. If you can, invest in a heavy duty steal mailbox.***
- A resident reported that she is the first owner of her house; however she has been receiving mail addressed to a person who has never lived at her address.
- A resident advised she has seen a couple of Hispanic females driving in neighborhoods in an expedition stealing from the mailboxes. ***Lt. Bloom advised when you see something suspicious to call the Fontana Police Department.***
- Asked if a light could be installed on Cherry between the 210 and Beech/Summit, it's very dark in that area. ***Lt. Bloom advised he believed that was Rancho Cucamonga's area. Eric Lewis with the Engineering advised: The roadway between the 15 freeway and Beech Avenue is within the City of Rancho Cucamonga. I will forward the request to them for review and follow-up. We will review the roadway between the 210 and the 15 for potential lighting upgrades.***
- From the 15 freeway on Beech/Summit at Cherry traffic is usually backed up because of the 1 or 2 people going into Rancho Cucamonga. Was wondering if it would be possible to get a two turn lane at that intersection going into Hunter's Ridge. ***Eric Lewis with the Engineering advised: Beech Avenue is a four lane arterial that serves both the residents of Fontana and Rancho Cucamonga. By converting the number 2 lane to a "trap" right turn pocket it not only reduces the capacity of the roadway, but the expectations of the motorists would be violated that they could not continue straight through. This expectation would cause unnecessary weaving and an increase in motorists violating the traffic control. This modification is not recommended at this time.***
- 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. ***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.***
- 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. ***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.*

- At the upper Bridal Path/Cherry Intersection there is a stop on Bridal Path however people just usually roll through it, now with Cherry opening up there is going to be a lot more traffic and that is an accident waiting to happen. Asked if a four way stop could be put up there. ***Eric Lewis with the Engineering advised: We will monitor the area when Cherry Avenue is open towards the Coyote Canyon development. However, based upon existing and estimated new traffic volumes it is unlikely that the intersection would satisfy the necessary warrants for an all-way stop in the near term.***
- At Bridal Path and Coyote Canyon there is a blind spot and there have been numerous accidents. Asked if anything could be done in regards to the speeders in the area. ***Eric Lewis with the Engineering advised: These 2 roadways do not intersect. Clarification is required. However, speeding motorists are curtailed through increased enforcement.***
- Asked what the definition of the School Zone speed limit, was it 25 mph when only children are present, when school is in session, or just before and after school. ***Eric Lewis with the Engineering advised: According to California Vehicle Code section 22352 2 B, the 25 mph speed limit is in effect when children are going to or leaving the school either during school hours or during the noon recess period. The prima facie limit shall also apply when approaching or passing any school grounds which are not separated from the highway by a fence, gate, or other physical barrier while the grounds are in use by children.***
- Advised it was very difficult to obtain a CCW. Asked what the procedure is to be issued a Concealed Weapons Permit. ***Lt. Bloom advised he will speak with the chief to see what his policy is in regards to issuing a CCW permit. (I spoke to the Chief and he is reluctant to issue CCW permits unless there is an absolute verifiable need for it. It is not likely he will issue any.)***
- A resident asked when Lytle Creek/Duncan Canyon interchange is going to be available. ***Another resident advised the project is scheduled to be completed in five years.***
- Advised they were still seeing construction trucks going up Cherry. ***Lt. Bloom advised that there use to be 60-80 trucks an hour going up Cherry, however since the signs have been put up and we have done enforcement in that area it's down to only 5 or 6 an hour, we will still enforce it however there will still be some that get by.***
- Asked if there were any additional plans for the additional traffic which will be traveling through Hunter's Ridge. ***Lt. Bloom advised at the last meeting Eric Lewis advised that they were going to have to wait and see and then make the necessary changes once the traffic does increase.***
- A resident asked if we had any cases where someone broke into a house and stole a baby, she just recently had a baby and was concerned someone was going to steal her. ***Lt. Bloom advised he has been at Fontana Police Department about 20 years and has never heard of any baby stealing occurring. That does not mean it will never happen however, so watch your children.***

**THE NEXT MEETING DATE IS APRIL 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 APRIL 8, 2007 TO:**

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