

**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:** July 10, 2007

**SUBJECT:** Community Meeting Minutes of July 9, 2007

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

- The city of Fontana is the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**Lieutenant Bloom**

- 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](mailto:gbloom@fontana.org) .
- For good information go [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.
- City Council Meetings, Planning Commission Meetings, and Recreation Meetings which are held at the City Council Chambers will be able to be viewed on Kfon and also the City of Fontana Website.
- Also you will be able to view the Internet Safety Class online which was held a few weeks ago by Sgt. Yarrington.
- Grand Openings: Coyote Canyon Park and also the Fire Station will be opening soon.
- Traffic Advisory: July 18<sup>th</sup> the Bass Pro Shop will be opening at Victoria Garden’s in Rancho Cucamonga, please be advised they are expecting extra traffic in and around the new Bass Pro Shop.
- Fontana Community Services are hosting programs all summer:
  - Variety Nights which is every Tuesday Nights from July 10-August 14 at 6pm to 8 pm the cost is free. Come celebrate the decades as you learn about Community Service Programs offered year around.
  - Family Fun Nights: Every Wednesday from 6pm to 8pm July 11<sup>th</sup> to August 15 at various locations- Featuring Inland Youth Performers.
  - Concerts in the Park: Every Thursday Nights from 6:30pm to 8:30pm, June 21 to August 16<sup>th</sup>, at the Art Depot (16822 Spring St)
  - Dive-in Movies: Every Friday Night from 6:30pm to 9pm June 22<sup>nd</sup> to August 17<sup>th</sup> at Heritage Pool Complex (7350 W. Liberty Parkway)
- Department and Area statistics:
  - Residential Burglaries for the last 6 months for the north end of Fontana.

January	1
February	9
March	1
April	5
May	13
June	10

- Burglaries are occurring everywhere. Nationwide the clearance rate of residential burglaries is 14% and Fontana is also at 14%. Burglary is a crime of opportunity. 60% of residential burglaries occurred in the daytime. Good ways to possibly deter a burglar is

to lock your doors and windows, a barking dog or an audible alarm. Those are good deterrents which might make the burglar think twice about breaking into your home. Advised he has never seen a house with a functioning burglar alarm get burglarized.

➤ What Can Be Done?

- Install burglar alarms
- Hardening targets (such as secure doors and windows; maybe purchase laminate windows so it makes it harder to break.)
- Mark you property.
- Increase occupancy indicators (such as more cars in the drive way or motion sensors)
- Get a dog
- Implement Neighborhood Watch, get to know your neighbors (for more information regarding Neighborhood Watch contact Amber Smith (909) 350-7710)
- Vehicle Burglaries for the last 6 months for the north end of Fontana.

January	19
February	13
March	12
April	7
May	13
June	11

- Robbery for the last 6 months in the north end of Fontana

January	2
February	2
March	2
April	1
May	0
June	2

Most of the robberies are bullies going to parks and stealing ipods.

- Vehicle thefts for the last 6 months in the north end of Fontana

January	5
February	2
March	2
April	4
May	6
June	9

- Grand Theft, which are thefts over \$400.

January	2
February	10
March	2
April	5
May	6
June	8

Most are from construction sites.

**Eric Lewis-Traffic Engineering**

- Theft of Copper wire is really big right now. The new trails have been hit three times.
- The following are answers to questions residents had from the last meeting:
  1. **Duncan Canyon / I-15 update**
    - a. Cost is estimated at \$30 million
    - b. Advertise for construction Dec. 2008
    - c. Complete construction – target September 2010
  2. **Circulation Element update**
    - a. City Council approved June 12, 2007
    - b. Coyote Canyon Road changed to Duncan Canyon Road (Bridlepath to I-15)
    - c. Duncan Canyon Road renamed to Coyote Canyon Road (Bridlepath to I-15)
    - d. Bridlepath Drive renamed to Bridlepath Drive north / south – break at SCE corridor
  3. **Cherry Avenue / Fox Ridge Drive – Street light removal**
    - a. This light was to be removed in conjunction with the traffic signal installation. Staff will follow-up with SCE to resolve.
  4. **Fire station 78 / Coyote Canyon Park update**
    - a. Both sites to be completed by July
    - b. Scheduled for grand opening in August / September 2007
  5. **Beech Avenue / I-15 SB on/off ramps**
    - a. Turn pocket storage has been determined to be too short
    - b. City will generate work order for modification to provide for additional vehicle storage.
  6. **Sierra Lakes Parkway (Catawba to Lytle Creek)**
    - a. City is reviewing a potential partnership with Lytle Creek apartment project to improve roadway as part of the development.
  7. **Speed zones for new roadways**
    - a. As new roadways open, staff routinely prepare Engineering and Traffic Surveys to provide for speed enforcement.
    - b. Traffic Engineering / Police Department is currently reviewing the entire City for speed zone modifications and additions
  8. **Cherry Avenue / Beech Avenue**
    - a. Staff reviewed the intersection / conducted micro traffic simulation ~ 5 months ago – Time of day signal timing plans were prepared and implemented.
    - b. We will field review again to verify conditions
  9. **No parking in the City of Fontana 2:00 a.m. to 4 a.m.**
    - a. Not practical, as many residents do not utilize their garage space and rely on street parking for their vehicles
    - b. Would generate need for excessive resources from the Police Department
    - c. Similar to other agencies, the City is currently studying the possibility of no parking on street sweeping days, but program not in place.
    - d. Suggest to reduce vehicle theft / vandalism, residents should park their cars in the garage at night.

- 10. Duncan Canyon Road (now Coyote Canyon Road) freeway fence upgrades**
  - a. Centex Homes has secured necessary permit from Caltrans and will begin the work within the next 30 days
  - b. Barbed wire fencing will be replaced with chain link per Caltrans standard
  - c. Block walls were built in accordance with the approved acoustical study for Coyote Canyon Specific Plan.
- 11. Sierra Avenue / Riverside Avenue**
  - a. The City is currently partnering with Empire Companies to re-align and widen the intersection from all directions and provide a traffic signal.
  - b. Lytle Creek Development is conditioned by the County of San Bernardino to build traffic signals and widen both Sierra Avenue / I-15 ramps.

#### **Phil Saldana-Code Compliance**

- Bob Crosby is still one of the Code Compliance Inspectors for Hunter's Ridge.
- Code Compliance is also seeing a lot of abandoned houses and houses with unkempt yards. If you see any houses like this please contact Code Compliance.

#### **Judy Fontana-Police Evidence Technician**

- Advised within the last six months she has seen an increase in door kick burglaries. The burglar probably goes to the door knocks on the door and if it seems like no one is home then they kick the door in, and usually is when no one is home.
- Advised when you leave your house make sure you check your windows and doors to make sure they are locked. Also look around when you leave if there is anyone suspicious in the neighborhood call the police.
- Mark all you property and write down the serial numbers and keep them in a safe place.
- If we do go out to a scene and get good prints, which means it has to have enough ridge detail to compare it to other finger prints, we might have the results in about 2 weeks just depending on if that person is in the system, if their not then we might not get a hit.

#### **Officer Savegh**

- Advised he is currently working on a project in the area which involves kids riding skate boards in the street and curfew issues in the same neighborhood. Advised the curfew is 10pm. If there is any one under 18 years old they can be issued a citation if they are out after 10pm without a parent.
- The most important job a resident has in this community or any community is to be a good witness, get a good description of the clothes the suspect is wearing or the car they get into try to get a license plate.

#### **Laura Van Sciver- Community Service Coordinator**

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

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

- Asked why the sudden drop in vehicle burglaries in April. ***Lt. Bloom advised he was not sure and wouldn't be able to give a factual explanation.***
- Asked if on the other side of the 15 freeway on Sierra on the westside across from the Starbucks if that area was city. ***Eric Lewis advised it's probably a conjunction with Lytle Creek improvements due to the homes and development in Lytle Creek.***
- Asked if there was a target date for the Sierra Ave/ Riverside Ave project. ***Eric Lewis advised he don't have a specific date but hopefully by next year.***
- Asked when the Coyote Canyon to Duncan Canyon name change will take effect. ***Eric Lewis advised it has already been approved by City Council and it just needs to have a formal announcement.***
- Asked how many signs development companies are allowed to put near monuments because there was about 35 signs from Young Homes and Centex Homes. ***Phil Saldana advised that one sign is too much. The first thing inspectors do is go through their area and collect signs. The fine for signs is \$50 for the first sign and \$5 every sign after that. Signs can only be on private property.***
- Asked if you need a sign in the neighborhood to say it's against the law to skate board on the sidewalks. ***Lt. Bloom said no you don't it's a city code that it's against the law to skate board on sidewalks.***
- Asked if there was anyway residents can get a copy of the city codes. ***Lt. Bloom advised it's on the City of Fontana's website ([www.fontana.org](http://www.fontana.org))***
- Asked when Coyote Canyon Park is scheduled to open. ***Eric Lewis advised mid July.***
- Asked if Coyote Canyon is a baseball or softball field. ***Laura Van Sciver advised there is nothing scheduled for the park as of yet.***
- Asked what plans the city has in case of a fire in that area. ***Council member Roberts advised there is no specific plan specifically for the Hunter's Ridge Area however the opening of Station 79 is soon which will provide quicker service.***
- Advised there are more and more construction trucks on Cherry going into Hunter's Ridge. ***Lt. Bloom advised that was an issue back in January when there were like 88 trucks an hour and officers did enforcement in the area and it went down to about 6 to 7 an hour. Advised we might need to reinforce it again. Eric Lewis advised with each phase of the construction we have different trucks coming through advised he will talk with the construction inspection supervisor to notify his employees.***

- Advised there has been an increase in older teen activity on the streets. *Lt. Bloom advised when you see a problem call the police.*

**THE NEXT MEETING DATE IS OCTOBER 15, 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 OCTOBER 14, 2007 TO:**

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