

**CITY OF FONTANA
FONTANA POLICE DEPARTMENT**

TO: All attendees of the Sierra Lakes/Citrus Heights Community Meeting
FROM: George Bloom, Lieutenant
DATE: January 23, 2007

SUBJECT: Community Meeting Minutes of January 22, 2007

Lieutenant Bloom

- Introductions
- Advised he is currently the Area Commander for Sierra Lakes/Citrus Heights Community. He has been a police officer for 22 years and started out with Los Angeles County and was there for 3 years. Lt. Bloom served in the Patrol Division, Investigations Division, and also worked with a Narcotics Team with the County. If you have any questions call him at 350-7706 or e-mail him at gbloom@fontana.org.
- For a lot of good information go the www.Fontana.org, which is the city's website. The city's website has a link to the Police Department's website.
- Advised City Hall is 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.

- 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) 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 4th 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 call 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.

Sergeant Stover of the Fontana Police Department Traffic Unit

- The traffic unit's goals are to protect the safety of the motoring public, ensure the smooth flow of traffic in the city and encourage the safe operation of the vehicles within the city.

- Those goals are accomplished through proactive enforcement, by responding to and investigating traffic collisions and by developing solutions to various traffic problem areas within the city.
- The Traffic Unit conducts DUI check points, Driver's License Check points, and also courthouse stings throughout the year.
- This year we received a grant which allows us to hold 6 additional DUI/Driver's license check points.
- We will be handling abandon vehicles Monday through Friday. There is a 2-3 day response time and we check on them in the order which they are received.
- Our new abandoned vehicle system is not for suspicious vehicles. For suspicious vehicles in your area you will need to call our dispatch at (909) 350-7700.
- One problem which was looked into was speeding on Medinah between Augusta and Clubhouse. A speed survey was completed and the three highest speeds on Medinah were 41-44 miles per hour. 85% were at 34 mph. 93% of all the vehicles were 35 mph or under. All factors were taken into consideration and the speed limit will now be 25 mph on Medinah.
- Advised you will also see crosswalk and golf cart crossing signs put up.
- Advised there will be a four way stop at Avenal and is also looking at possibly red zone parking in that area.
- Have asked for four more speed feed back indicator to be placed in Sierra Lakes.
- Advised the East Lakes/Augusta double double yellow line will be changed to a single double yellow line. Advised officers are to use their discretion in that area until that issue is fixed.
- Advised the final capping on Augusta is in the process of being completed.

Councilmember Janice Rutherford

- Advised she was there to listen to the residents concerns.
- Advised the library is under construction and if you would like to donate to the library foundation you can go to the Mayor's Gala on March 31st. There is usually 500 + people there, it's a formal dinner and lots of fun. This years Gala will highlight professional artist from Fontana.
- The goal of the library foundation is to raise \$20 million and they are halfway there. If you would like to donate you can purchase a chair, brick, or even books.
- Advised the Shopping cart idea of having City Yards pick them up came from a community meeting, when you bring up ideas at the community meetings they are listened to.

THE ITEMS IN BOLD PRINT REFLECT ACTIONS TAKEN

Concerns of Sierra Lakes/Citrus Heights residents

- Asked if would be possible to request speed bumps for Augusta. *Sgt. Stover advised Augusta was surveyed at 35 mph and the Fire Department will not allow them.*

- Asked if it might be possible to get cameras for speed enforcement. *Sgt. Stover advised we currently do not have those however we are looking into getting them for school areas.*
- Asked how many speed limit signs will be posted on Augusta. *Sgt. Stover advised there will probably two.*
- Asked if a vehicle has to wait to cross a crosswalk until the pedestrian is completely out of the crosswalk. *Sgt. Stover advised you do not have to wait until the pedestrian is completely out of the crosswalk you can go when you feel it is safe to cross.*
- Asked what the time frame of the Promenade is. *Councilmember Rutherford advised the city is in a conflict with Walmart at this moment. Walmart wants to build a Super Walmart in the area where the city has plans for the Promenade. So it's hard to say when the Promenade will be complete.*
- Asked if there was going to be any other gas stations other than the Costco on Sierra Lakes. *Councilmember Rutherford advised she did not know at this time.*
- Asked what the update on the water company issue is. *Councilmember Rutherford advised the Fontana Water Company is a private family owned business and they keep raising the water rates, last year it was 30 % and the year before that was 40%. The city continues to fight them at the Public Utility Board Commission level. Currently the judge is writing a second draft opinion and we're just waiting for that at this point.*
- Advised when you go into Rancho Cucamonga it looks very clean but when you come into Fontana you see trash everywhere. *Councilmember Rutherford advised residents need to start taking personal responsibility to pick up their trash and throw it away. It's us who are putting it there. We do have a Community Assistance Program who holds Community Clean up days.*
- A resident advised that many people don't know but Burtec suggests not putting your trash out on very windy days. They will come back out to pick up your trash when it's not so windy; all you have to do is call them.
- Asked if there was a Mall planned for the area at Sierra Avenue and the 15 freeway. *Councilmember Rutherford advised there is currently no specific plan.*
- Asked when the library is complete will there be security at the kids section. *Councilmember Rutherford advised there will be a lot of adult supervision around which includes security, the librarian, city personnel, etc.*
- Asked if there is somewhere you can take the recyclables on a windy day. *Advised Burtec has a facility where you can take them on Etiwanda and Napa. If you have any hazardous waste products you can take them to Orange and Cypress and there is a drop off center there.*
- Asked if Caltrans is going to build sound walls along the 210 freeway. *Councilmember Rutherford advised that if the neighborhood existed prior to the 210 being developed then it will be up to Caltrans to put up the sound wall. If the neighborhood went in after the development of the 210 freeway it's up to that specific neighborhood to have the sound wall built.*
- Asked when the 210 is suppose to be complete. *Councilmember advised it is scheduled to be complete later this year, possibly early fall.*

- Asked what is going in by El Pollo Loco? *Another resident advised it is a Carl's Jr and a Baker's.*
- Asked if the Sierra Lakes Monument is going to be replaced. *Joey Furuto of Public Works advised the missing letter will be replaced possibly within in the next month or so.*
- Advised off of Summit and turning into Sierra Lakes there are palm trees with lights, some those lights don't come on. *Joey Furuto advised he will check into it.*
- Advised the wind blew the street name down. *Advised to call public works.*
- Asked what the plans are for the land just west of Curtis. *Councilmember Rutherford advised most of that property has been acquired by the City, there has been talks about possibly a business park maybe a home improvement corridor, however nothing has been decided yet.*
- Asked if there were going to be any upscale restaurants coming into the area. *Councilmember Rutherford advised at Sierra Avenue and Sierra Lakes Parkway there will be a Mimi's and an El Torrito, with no office buildings in that area it's hard to get the nice restaurants to develop there.*

Councilmember Janice Rutherford advised there will be an Apartment hearing on May 31, 2007 at 7:30 pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

THE NEXT MEETING DATE IS APRIL 16, 2007. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT SIERRA LAKES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (5740 Avenal Place) AT 7:00 PM.

PLEASE SUBMIT ANY ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA BY APRIL 15, 2007 TO:

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