

**CITY OF FONTANA  
FONTANA POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**TO:** All attendees of the Sierra Lakes/Citrus Heights Community Meeting  
**FROM:** George Bloom, Lieutenant  
**DATE:** July 18, 2007

**SUBJECT:** Community Meeting Minutes of July 16, 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.

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

### **Concerns of Sierra Lakes/Citrus Heights residents**

- Asked if there were any burglars who have gone inside the house when the residents are home. ***Lt. Bloom advised yes there has and that's when it get scary however most of the time they just want to get stuff and get out.***
- Asked what the average age of the burglars is. ***Lt. Bloom advised it varies sometimes it a crew of teenagers and sometimes they are parolees with drug problems just trying to find something they can sell for quick money.***
- Asked if an alarm is a deterrent to burglars. ***Lt. Bloom advised yes it is. Officer Reed advised if you get an alarm make sure you get the signs and stickers and make sure you put those in a visible place where burglars will be able to see them.***
- Asked if Cameras are a deterrent. ***Lt. Bloom advised yes that is also a deterrent.***
- Asked when burglary usually happens. ***Lt. Bloom advised the typical residential burglary occurs when no one is home usually during the day time.***
- Advised he moved from Encino 5 years ago and since then a lot of good things have happened in Fontana. Asked with the residential and vehicle burglaries increasing what is the police department doing? ***Lt. Bloom advised since the last meeting we have hired 7 more police officers. We currently have 200 approved police officer positions. Area 1 has about 10% of all calls within the city with 18% of the officers working in this area.***
- Advised she had her tires stolen off of her vehicle. The suspect propped the vehicle up on some wood and stole the tires.
- Advised her house was burglarized and wanted to commend the Fontana Police Department on how fast they showed up to her residence.
- Advised her alarm system went off one time and received the call from her company informing her that her alarm was set off and before she got to the corner a very friendly and handsome officer was already there checking things out.
- Advised the Citrus off ramp on the 210 is always backing up to the mainline freeway during peak hours and people are always using the center lane to turn left is there anyway to make that a left turn lane also. ***Mayor Nuaimi advised they have been in contact with Caltrans however they said they did a survey and it works properly but Engineering is going to talk to them to possibly get that center lane a right-straight-left turn lane.***
- Advised he has had an ongoing problem with Ralph Lewis Park with balls going into their backyards and people jumping over to get them and also people throwing trash into their yards. Advised Frank Scialdone is very helpful unlike Ken Hunt and Chuck Hays. Advised that this park didn't turn into this type of park until after residents moved in. Advised if they get sued by the leagues for people who are jumping over their wall then they will have to in turn sue the city.

*Mayor Nuaimi advised that he has got the attention of all the right city personnel and it has always been an active sports complex and it happens to be the best facility in the Region so we have many people from all over coming to play at this park. Advised the city can't please everyone every time but he understands the problem. Advised the city has already talked to the leagues and have planted trees to help block stuff from going over the walls. The city has also installed trashcans at the facility.*

- Asked if there was any security or grounds crew that is at the park at all times. *Mayor Nuaimi advised there is not however the scheduling of the parks is maintained by Parks and Recreation Center.*
- Advised her husband coaches AYSO and if the parents are respectful they will go to the house and knock on the door and ask for the ball back. Made a suggestion that maybe pamphlets can be made and given to the leagues to hand out.
- At the park by Sierra Lakes Elementary School there is always a lot of trash and graffiti there. There have been a lot of teenagers hanging out in the park and when parents try to take their children there the teenagers try to intimidate the parents and kids and harass them. *Mayor Nuaimi advised when this happens to call the police department and when the Fontana Park opens up you will probably see them relocate there.*
- Asked if there were going to be any upscale restaurants along Miracle Mile. *Mimi's and El Torrito are coming soon and soon the promenade will have more restaurants.*
- Asked if the new commercial development is only taking known businesses. *Mayor Nuaimi advised that is up to the leasing company but they probably are looking for businesses they know will be able to make it a long time at that location but the city has no control of what businesses they accept for the property.*
- Asked if Sierra Lakes Elementary School is planning on expanding with new classrooms and also if anything is going to be done with the bottle neck at the school. *Mayor Nuaimi advised there is going to be a new school north of Summit but is unsure if it is an elementary school or not. The school district is in charge of the development of the schools not the city. If you live close to the school walk your child there instead of driving that would lessen the traffic at the school.*
- Sierra Lakes had to pay mello-roos can it go back to the residents since other areas don't have to pay. *Mayor Nuaimi advised that most new development do pay and it will eventually be paid off. The City can't give it back to the residents because that would be gifting public money. When you bought your property it was probably depressed because of the mello-roos.*

**THE NEXT MEETING DATE IS OCTOBER 22, 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  
OCTOBER 21, 2007 TO:**

AMBER SMITH  
FONTANA POLICE DEPARTMENT  
17005 UPLAND AVE  
FONTANA, CA 92335  
(909) 350-7710  
*asmith@fontana.org*

**THE CITY OF FONTANA COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD, KFON  
CHANNEL 3, GOVERNMENT ACCESS CHANNEL ANNOUNCES  
THE SIERRA LAKES/CITRUS HEIGHTS COMMUNITY MEETINGS' DATE,  
TIME, AND PLACE DAILY.**