

**CITY OF FONTANA
FONTANA POLICE DEPARTMENT**

TO: All attendees of the South Fontana Community Meeting
FROM: Eric Wendt, Lieutenant
DATE: January 9, 2007

SUBJECT: Community Meeting Minutes of January 4, 2007

Lieutenant Eric Wendt

- Introductions
- Advised he is the Area Commander for the south end of the City (Interstate 10 to the Riverside County Line). Call him at 350-7708 or e-mail him at ewendt@fontana.org with questions pertaining to the City or to the Police Department. If you need the police to respond to a call, call the police dispatch center at 350-7700.
- Advised community meetings are held every quarter. Don't wait for the Community Meeting to bring up problems or issues, call or email Lieutenant Wendt or the Fontana Police Department Dispatch Center. Community policing address not only law issues but also quality of life issues as well. Advised the problem might not always be a police issue but Lt. Wendt will point you in the right direction of who to contact.
- The agenda for the meeting is introduction of City Officials and guests, overview of program, resources on both of the City's websites (www.fontana.org and www.fontanapd.org), and unfinished business.
- Advised the city is broken up into four areas. The Area Commander for North of I 210 Freeway is Lieutenant Bloom, I 210 freeway to Foothill is Lieutenant Weissmann. Foothill to Interstate 10 is Lieutenant Ramsey, and from Interstate 10 to Riverside County Line it's Lieutenant Wendt.
- Advised the Police Department's website is www.fontanapd.org. Visit the website for useful information.
- Advised the community meeting minutes are on the website. You may print out a copy of the minutes. A copy will also be e-mailed to all attendees within two weeks before the next meeting date. **Go to the website www.fontanapd.org. Click on "community meetings", and then click on "community meeting minutes" (at the bottom of the page).**
- Advised the City has a website is Fontana.org. It is a good source of information, such as "Who Ya Gonna Call" link which has numerous city telephone numbers and also the Graffiti Hotline 350-GONE. If you see any shopping carts in the area please call 800-252-3543 with a good location so the shopping cart could be picked up. Also 357-OUTT is the city's Lights Out phone number, if you see any street lights that needs repair or maintenance work done, please call 357-OUTT with pole number which is located on the Edison pole approximately six feet above the ground. 428-

DUMP is a phone number to report illegal dumping, however if you see someone in progress of illegally dumping call the Fontana Police Department.

- On the city's website there is a link to Community Connection, click on the link and it takes you to a page which has a lot of information in regards to the city and upcoming events. You can sign up for Community Connection and it will be emailed to you in the future.
- Advised if you see shopping carts in the area you can call 800-252-3543 to report them. Coming soon on the City Website there will be a form you can fill out to report the shopping carts and our public works will pick them up and contact the stores to pick up the shopping carts at City Yards.
- For crime trends and stats, visit www.citizencompass.com. Advised that website shows what crimes are occurring in a specific area within the City. Enter the street or block you are interested in and click on the icon. **Go to www.citizencompass.org. Click on the City of Fontana.**
- The CAP Program (Community Assistance Program) has a link on the Fontana Police Departments website. The CAP program is run by the Water of Life Church in conjunction with the City of Fontana. The CAP program offers low to no cost services for the citizen's of Fontana. **Go to the website www.fontanapd.org. Click on CAP (the puzzle at the top of the page) for information and resources.**
- 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.
- Annexation of most of the islands was completed. All but four of the islands have been annexed. The other four islands are being held up to see if Bloomington will become their own city in which they will try to take over those islands.
- Vehicle burglaries have seemed to be an on going problem throughout the city. There are certain steps you can take to protect your vehicle.
 - Park your vehicle in your garage
 - If you can't park your vehicle in your garage, take all the valuables out of the vehicle. Do not leave anything of value in your vehicle.

Vehicle burglaries are a crime of opportunity it only takes about a minute for them to break your window and take your items, so please make sure to remove your valuable items from your vehicle and secure it.
- Since the last community meeting in October we have arrested 2 people for felony vandalism and have identified 7 more who have been tagging graffiti in the area. The two suspects were caught because a citizen called the Fontana Police Department to report that he had just seen someone tagging, he gave a good description of the suspects and the taggers were caught.
- Construction updates: Home Depot, which is being built at Santa Ana and Sierra, has already broken ground. The Fontana Library is going up fast and will be completed in a year. City Hall is under construction and is scheduled to be completed in January of 2008.

- Ice Cream trucks are legal to be in the city and sell ice cream as long as they are licensed; however we have two new ordinances, one which is already approved and one that is still waiting. The first ordinance, which is already approved, states vendors can not sell within 1000 feet of a school. The second ordinance, which is still in the works, prohibits selling within 1000 feet of parks.
- The Party ordinance, as it stands now, when we get a call of a loud party we respond to the location and ask them to turn it down. Right now there is not much that can be done unless a citizen signs a citizen's arrest form. What is in the works is a new party ordinance where we will respond and hand the party a notice and if we have to go back to the location for the party the owner of the party is fined. We plan this new ordinance to be in affect by summer this year.
- The new Post office on Santa Ana is now open.
- The Police Department recently had a DUI check point the Saturday before New Year's. Numerous citations were issued and vehicles towed. Four people were arrested for driving under the influence that night also.

Corporal Haas- Traffic Division

- Advised the Traffic Division deals not only with safety issues but quality of life issues also.
- A citation is an education tool. Usually when a person receives a citation, such as a speeding ticket, that person usually tends to slow down after that.
- The traffic division deals with issues such as speeder, congestion and abandon vehicles. Any complaint that goes into the traffic unit usually goes through him.
- Assures that if the traffic unit receives a complaint on an abandon vehicle it will be addressed. A Community Service Officer takes care of it usually.
- Advised people can park in front of the house and it doesn't have to be their house as long as they are parked legally its ok. They can not be blocking a driveway and it can not cause a hazard or be leaking any hazardous materials. If so let us know.
- We have about 50 schools in the city and all of them usually end up letting the students out around the same time, so please be patient with us. We only have so many officers at a certain time that we can not put an officer at each school location. At South Ridge Middle School and also at Canyon Crest we did have a couple of officers in those locations when school was letting out and when the kids seen the officers they followed all the laws and stayed on the sidewalk. What needs to be done is that the citizens have to work with us and the schools to help teach the students about safety.

Andrew Belter- Public Services Landscaping

- Showed pictures of the improvements which have been done in the area, such as on Amberwood new plants were planted. Also showed pictures of the damage done by a cable company, all those damages have been fixed.

THE ITEMS IN BOLD PRINT REFLECT ACTIONS TAKEN

Concerns of Southridge/South Fontana residents:

- Advised Councilman Scialdone said there was an ordinance against electronic sounds coming from a vehicle, so why do ice cream trucks have music playing from their trucks. ***Lt. Wendt advised there is a state law for loud music from vehicles however since ice cream trucks are used for a business they are exempt from the state law. The city does have a city ordinance regarding music coming from vendors FCC 15-679. It was a seldom used ordinance that was recently re-visited by council and it was decided that we would notify all currently licensed vendors and new vendors as they obtain licenses. No music can be played by vendors, including ice cream trucks. All beat 4 units were notified. Citizens can call if they hear an ice cream truck playing music.***
- Asked if push cart vendors are legal. ***Lt. Wendt advised push cart vendors are not allowed in our city. When you see one call our dispatch. We do have vendor sweeps approximately every three months.***
- Asked what the penalty is for felony vandalism. ***Wendt advised the person will go to jail and then from that point it's up to the judge what penalty he will hand down.***
- A resident advised he has abandoned vehicles on his street 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. ***Wendt advised to go to the website and report the vehicles and we will send out our Community Service Officer to check out and mark the vehicles, if they are there for more than 72 hours they will be towed. We can only tow a vehicle if its been abandoned for more than 72 hours, for registration expired for 6 months or more, or for being a hazard.***
- Asked if Code Compliance was proactive or reactive. ***Code Compliance Inspector Efran Gonzales stated right now each inspector has a case load of 100 or more cases and don't have time to be proactive. Their cases are usually from initial complaints.***
- A resident asked if there was any new information regarding the Walmart coming in the south end of the city. ***Lt. Wendt advised there is no new information regarding Walmart.***
- A resident advised there is street racing occurring on Canyon Crest Drive. ***Cpl Haas advised that the police department is well aware of the problem, however if you see street racing occurring please give us a call.***
- A resident advised there is a lot of speeding on Underwood and Volante, and at one time there were officers in that area but hasn't seen them in a while. ***Cpl Haas advised that usually the speed violators are the ones living in the neighborhood and we don't have enough officers to put one on every street corner so if you see a problem in a certain area give us a call.***
- A resident asked what we do about motorcycle dirt bikes. ***Corporal Haas advised when we do get a call regarding dirt bikes we will respond. Lt Wendt advised we may be unable to chase them if they go off road. Police cars are expensive and we don't want to damage a police unit to chase a dirt bike off road.***
- Advised the stop sign at Banana and Cherry, in the median, is down. ***Corporal Haas advised he will go check it out and advised the appropriate personnel.***

- Advised at Jurupa and Volante Jack in the Box tore up the sidewalk and it hasn't been repaired. *Andrew Belter from Landscaping advised he will look into it.*
- Advised trees are blown down by the window and some look like they are dead at the end of Jurupa near Volante. *Andrew Belter from Landscaping advised he will look into it.*
- Asked what was going to be built in phase two of Stater Brothers. *Another resident advised there will be a Walgreens, a Bank of American and a day care center. Originally there was supposed to be a sit down restaurant near the soon to be built hotel at Sierra and Slover the developer sold it to a day care business. Advised Councilmember Scialdone appealed this to the planning commission. The appeal is scheduled to be heard on January 18 and Scialdone would like support for the sit down restaurant at the meeting.*
- Asked if the equipment yard at Jurupa and Cherry will be forced to do some landscaping to their business, as of right now it's an eye sore. *Lt Wendt advised he will look into it. The planning department was contacted and will be checking into it. If Tudor- Saliba was established legally in the county, then it will be grandfathered in to the city as is.*
- Asked if the police department /Graffiti Hotline were concerned about the graffiti on sidewalks because there is a lot of graffiti on sidewalks at the Shadow Hills Easement. *Lt. Wendt advised yes wherever you see graffiti please call our graffiti hotline (909) 350-GONE so it can be removed.*
- A resident wanted to thank the department for doing a good job.
- Advised there is a lot of vandalism in his area, egging, fudge pudding bombarding mailboxes, graffiti, slashed top of a BMW and advised when he would go on Sierra from Slover and Jurupa he always use to see an officer now he don't and wanted to know if he had a Juvenile Division in our department. *Lt. Wendt advised that the Chief recently allocated a minimum of three officers below the freeway, and just because they are not in your neighborhood it doesn't mean it's a bad thing. We do not have a Juvenile Unit in our department.*

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON APRIL 5, 2007, AT 6:30 P.M. AT SOUTHRIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL (14500 LIVE OAK).

PLEASE SUBMIT ANY ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA BY APRIL 4, 2007 TO:

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