

**CITY OF FONTANA
FONTANA POLICE DEPARTMENT**

TO: All attendees of the South Fontana Community Meeting
FROM: Eric Wendt, Lieutenant
DATE: April 10, 2007

SUBJECT: Community Meeting Minutes of April 5, 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. Community policing addresses 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.
- 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 newly promoted Lieutenant Aulis, and from Interstate 10 to Riverside County Line it's Lieutenant Wendt. Also last week Captain Holderness left and Lt. Hostetter was promoted to captain.
- Advised the Police Department's website is www.fontanapd.org. Visit the website for useful information.
- Advised fireworks were recently banned at a city council meeting. In 2 years, beginning July 5, 2008, all fireworks will be illegal in the city of Fontana.
- 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 the City website is www.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 350-6760 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 process of illegally dumping call the Fontana Police Department.
- 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.** Last year over 1600 people were assisted by the CAP Program.

- For crime trends and stats, visit www.citizencompass.org. 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.**
- 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).**
- 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 them 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. You can also call to report any abandon vehicle at (909) 463-6103.
- You can now report any abandoned shopping carts on the Police Department's Website there is 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.
- Also on the Police Department Website you can report Graffiti and out/broken street lights.
- Advised since January 1st we have had 6571 calls. About 25% of those calls were officer initiated and about 10% are false alarm calls.
- Annexation took place around September 11, 2006 with that we added 11,000 residents. There are still 5 more islands to annex and 1 should be annexed by July 1st.
- Home Depot is under construction.
- The Fontana Library construction is moving along also. The library is scheduled to be open the beginning of 2008.
- Regarding Ice Cream Trucks- there is a city code, FCC 15-679, which states no amplified music can be played no matter what. So if you see or hear an ice cream truck playing music give us a call.
- Hopefully by summer we will have a new city ordinance in place regarding loud parties. On the first response to the party location the officer will give a warning and a hand the residents a flyer informing them if the police department has to go back out to that residence that night that they can be issued a citation. If an officer has to go back out to that location regarding a loud party a second time then the party location owner will be issued a citation.
- We currently have 195 approved sworn positions, we have 181 officers. By Saturday we will be at 185 officers. Our population is around 178,000
- Advised if you have children who use the Skate Park make sure they use their helmets and follow the rules. If they are caught with no helmet their bike or board

will be confiscated and they will be issued a citation and will not get their board or bike back until the case is adjudicated.

- Advised throughout the school year, the Fontana Police Department will be aggressively enforcing all traffic laws pertaining to drivers failing to obey required stops for school buses. In order to be successful the Fontana Police Department's Traffic Division will be following several buses in order to observe and cite any violators. If a driver fails to stop, in violation of CVC 22454 (a), the driver will be cited for this violation which carries a fine of approximately \$500.

Councilmember Scialdone

- Advised the Cherry Construction was approved last week and it will be less than the engineers budgeted so the next 9 months will be a mess but when it's all finished it will be 6 lanes with a center median. Advised the Cherry expansion has nothing to do with the money the city has lost to the 405 however it will slow down the rebuild of Citrus. Advised Cypress is also fully funded by the city.
- Advised they are currently going through the budget process and the city's financial outlook is good.

Officer Herreman-MET Unit

- Advised he investigates tagging graffiti and Officer Gonzalez investigates gang graffiti.
- Advised if you see graffiti in Fontana to call 350-GONE. Make sure when you call it in to give the location of the graffiti and a brief description of it.
- If your property is tagged on call the police department to report it.
- Advised there are different types of graffiti:
 - **Gang Graffiti:**
 - Usually claim territory (i.e. Sur, 13, IE, LA) Advised 13 usually stand for the letter "M" since it's the thirteenth letter in the alphabet and stands for Mexican Mafia.
 - Usually contains gang clique or moniker. Usually their moniker's don't change
 - Sometimes they get artsy but not too often.
 - **Tagging Graffiti:**
 - Usually artsy- bubbly design
 - Usually have crews or krews
 - Monikers change often some have 6 or more and usually changes depending on their mood.
 - Usually very proud of work.
 - Use different colors
 - Some times tagging crews can form into gangs.
- Advised we had arrested a tagger for 6 felony case with us, 9 with San Bernardino and a couple in Colton and Rancho Cucamonga. He went by Doer.
- DOC- means destroying our City. Advised most of these guys have been caught down in the south end of town.
- Advised if you see graffiti in the area you can also report it online on the Fontana Police Department website.

Dan West-Parks and Landscaping

- Handed out a summary of the proposed budget for the Landscape and Maintenance for CFD #1 and discussed the difference from last year's budget to this year.
 - The total cost for personnel has increased \$24,100
 - The total cost for Operating cost has increased \$2,500
 - The total cost for internal charges increased \$1,300
 - The total cost for Contractual Services decreased \$81,700
 - The total budget has decreased \$53,800.

Luis Tejada-Code Compliance

- The City of Fontana has developed and adopted certain City codes that assist residents in keeping our neighborhoods safer and aesthetically pleasing. If you observe any of the following conditions, Code Compliance staff can provide assistance:
 - Broken and discarded furniture, trash and debris stored in public view.
 - Household appliances and building materials stored in public view.
 - Unmaintained or overgrown yards.
 - Inoperable vehicles stored in public view on private property.
 - Vehicles parked on lawn areas.
 - Houses with chipped, peeling paint, and exposed bare wood areas.
 - Trash cans placed in public view on non trash collection days.
 - Graffiti observed on private property.
 - Stagnant, unkempt swimming pools.
 - Properties requiring weed abatement.
 - Occupied garages or other accessory structures.
- Code compliance is a division of the Fontana Police Department. Complaints may be filed in-person at our offices, by mail, or by telephone in the following manner:
 - Provide the location of the problem, street name and house number. If address is unknown, provide location of the property (i.e. Northwest corner of Foothill and Cherry, etc.)
 - Identify the specific complaint or alleged violation.
 - Give specific information of complaint (i.e. description of area, make, model, and license of vehicles involved, type of debris, location of violation on property, etc)
 - Provide your name, address, and telephone number. This allows officers to return your call and obtain further information from you regarding your complaint. This information is essential and is strictly confidential.

THE ITEMS IN BOLD PRINT REFLECT ACTIONS TAKEN

Concerns of Southridge/South Fontana residents:

- When the California Speedway is opened and they close Cherry Avenue that is a huge problem for residents to get over the freeway, is there anyway that could be fixed? *Councilmember Scialdone advised there are over 100,000 people and 25-30 thousand cars that impact our roads two times a year due to the speedway. There is no solution to help residence get over the freeway on Cherry to go to the north part of Fontana during the races. The best solution is to drive to Sierra and cross over.*

- Asked what was happening with the water rates. **Councilmember Scialdone advised the councilmember's will be going to the Public Utility Commission to lobby with the commissions staff. Advised the city has spent over \$1 million in fighting the increase.**
- Asked if the city can eminent domain the water company. **Councilmember Scialdone advised for the city to do that we would have to have well over \$100 million just for that, so that probably will not happen.**
- A resident expressed gratitude to the Council for banning fireworks.
- Asked what can be done about a neighbor who parks on their lawn. **Vehicles can not park of the grass area of their home. If you see this call the police department to report it.**
- Asked if residents can volunteer to paint over graffiti themselves? **Officer Herreman advised to call Public Works and ask them.**
- A resident advised at the last meeting he suggested for everyone to put the graffiti hotline number in their cell phones that way when they are out and about and see graffiti they can call it in and not have to wait until they get home to find the number to call it in.
- Advised a few years ago the Head Hunter's Gang was really strong wanted to know if they were still around? **Officer Herreman advised the Head Hunter's Gang is still around however some have been arrested and usually when gang members commit a crime and are arrested they usually get a gang enhancement charge added to that and sometimes the gang enhancement can add to 25 years extra to their sentencing.**
- Asked if a gang moves from here do they usually move back? **Officer Herreman advised usually gangs are territorial, however such as Head Hunter they moved out here from Los Angeles. Advised you will probably see more of the younger gang members commit crimes because most of the older guys are usually in prison.**
- Asked if you can call the police department if a gang is hanging out. **Officer Herreman advised yes you can. The definition of a gang is three or more people. So if there are three or more people hanging around and look like they are up to no good then call the police department.**
- Advised he sees the same wall always getting graffiti'd, it gets cleaned up and more graffiti is put up within hours. **Officer Herreman advised usually gangs are trying to establish themselves and that's how young gang members earn the respect of their gang.**
- Asked what you do if the graffiti is on the outside of someone's house. **Officer Herreman advised to give the police department a call. Luis Tejada advised that usually properties like that have a lot of absentee landlords. If there is graffiti on the house let Code Compliance know they will be able to go to the court and ask the judge to get a warrant to go onto the property to abate the issue and once that happens the landlord will need to reimburse the city.**
- A resident advised she called Code Compliance about a pool over flowing for days and within two days they were out there and the pool was emptied.
- Asked what they do if they see people tagging. **Officer Herreman advised to give the police department a call. The community is the police department's eyes and ears and we need your help with trying to catch these guys so if you see anyone tagging**

make sure you call the Fontana Police Department. Advised we have arrested people before for tagging because citizens have called it in.

- Asked with the deficit in the CFD's when will they see a decrease in the tax rating. *Dan West advised the tax is not only for landscaping it is also used for Police and Fire services so you will not see a decrease in the tax rating.*
- Asked why the landscaping cost had increased however the services have decreased. The landscaping is not what it has been since the new company came in. Advised there have been a lot of dead plants and no replanting. *Advised if you see any problems or have any ideas to make the service better please call Public Works. When you see a problem with landscaping or if a sprinkler is broken call Public Works at (909) 350-6760.*
- Asked if Ice Cream Truck Vendors have to have the license in public view. *Advised Ice cream truck vendors have to have what is called a business tax, it doesn't have to be in view however they have to have it on them. Advised Ice cream trucks can not be within 1000 feet from schools during 45 minutes before and after school. If you see them give the police department a call.*
- Asked how the city regulates what the Ice cream trucks are selling. Some trucks are selling pellet guns, etc. *Code Inspector Luis Tejeda advised if you ice cream trucks selling such items to call Code Compliance and they will check it out.*
- Asked who do they call regarding wrecked vehicles on private property? *Code Compliance would take care of wrecked vehicles on private property.*
- Asked when the redistricting of the Police Department took place. *Lt. Wendt advised last July the Police department went from 3 areas to 4.*
- Asked what happened at the City Council Meeting regarding the sit down restaurant Mary brought up last meeting. *Chief Clark advised there will be two sit down restaurants at the hotel however for the Sierra Crossing restaurants the developer came back and said they were unable to find any sit down restaurants and the City Council advised them to keep looking. There will not be any development there until the developer can find a sit down restaurant and the council will stand firm on their decision.*
- Asked what you do when you see someone throw cigarettes out of their vehicle's window. *Lt. Wendt advised that is an infraction however there is not much you can do because for that person to get cited the officer would have to witness that person throw the cigarette out. What you can do is take down the license plate and if the cigarette starts a fire to call the Fontana Police Department.*

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON JULY 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 JULY 4, 2007 TO:

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