

**CITY OF FONTANA  
FONTANA POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**TO:** All attendees of the Walnut Village Community Meeting  
**FROM:** Mark Weissmann, Lieutenant  
**DATE:** February 12, 2007

**SUBJECT:** Community Meeting Minutes of February 8, 2007

**Lieutenant Weissmann**

- Introductions
- Advised he is currently the Area Commander for the area of Foothill to the 210 freeway. Advised the city is broken up into four beats. Beat one is everything north of the 210 freeway. Beat two is from the 210 freeway to Foothill. Beat three is from Foothill to the 10 freeway, and Beat four is everything south of the 10 freeway. Advised Walnut Village is in Beat two and if you have any problems feel free to give him a call or email him at [mweissmann@fontana.org](mailto:mweissmann@fontana.org).
- On the Fontana Police Department Website ([www.Fontanapd.org](http://www.Fontanapd.org)) there are a few new links. The first link is to report abandoned vehicles, all the information given on this link will be forwarded to our Community Service Officers and they will follow up on the abandon vehicles. The next link is a street light out link to report any street lights which are currently not working. There is also a link to report abandoned shopping carts. If you report an abandoned shopping cart our Public Works will pick them up and contact the store.
- Advised there is a new handout with all of last years questions on it, so in case you have a question the answer might be on there.
- Calls for service from November 13<sup>th</sup> to now, there were a total of 186 calls for service for this area.
  1. Traffic Stops
  2. Disturbances
  3. Suspicious Circumstances
  4. 911 Calls
  5. Advisals
  6. Domestic Disputes
  7. Alarms
  8. Area Checks
  9. FCC Violations
  10. Assist other departments

**Officer Herreman-MET Officer**

- Advised mostly kids are in tagging crews.
- The difference between tagging crews and gang graffiti is that tagging crew's graffiti is usually colorful and bubblier and gang related graffiti is usually straighter and put up quickly and is usually black in color.

- Advised “Doer” who had graffiti in the area was arrested for felony vandalism and is in custody right now.
- We need resident’s help in locating taggers, if you see them tagging give us a call.
- Advised every city has a gang issue but we have a good handle on it.
- Advised if you see graffiti in the area to call (909) 350-GONE.

### **Sergeant Aulis-Detective Unit**

- Advised police work is not the same as you see on TV. When an officer gets a call to take a report, the officer may take evidence. If there is information which could be followed up on the report will then go to the Detective’s Unit, there it will be assigned to a detective to investigate.
- Advised each detectives have approximately 20-30 cases a day. The detective will read the report and determine its priority. The detective will then call the victim to advise them they are working on the case.
- Advised that most of residential burglaries are committed by people between the ages of 18-20 either walking home from school or visiting a friend. Usually they will knock on the door to see if anyone is there. Most of these burglars are not looking to run into home owners. If no one comes to the door that is when they think no one is home and they try to break in. Usually the only way we will be able to catch these people is if a neighbor sees the person breaking into the house and calls us. If the house has an alarm that also usually scares the burglars away.

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

#### **Concerns of Walnut Village residents**

- Asked what gangs are in Fontana? ***Officer Herreman advised there are quite a few gangs such as South Fontana, THL, Neighborhood Locs, and Latin Kings.***
- Asked what gangs are primarily in the Walnut Village. ***There is the Latin Kings however they are more towards AB Miller and Cypress.***
- Advised the mailbox at Coronado and Blanchard has graffiti on it and it hasn’t been taken care of. ***Advised if you see graffiti to call the graffiti hotline at (909) 350-GONE.***
- Asked if you see graffiti can residents paint over it themselves? ***Officer Herreman advised just to call 350-GONE and it’s usually gone pretty quick.***
- Advised she heard that if the crew sees someone painting over their work they will retaliate. ***Officer Herreman advised that’s usually only if they see a rival gang painting over their work. Advised just to call 350-GONE.***
- Asked how the crime rate was in Walnut Village, resident advised her house has been hit twice. ***Lt. Weissmann advised we only had 2 reported residential burglaries reported since November. Advised Walnut Village had 2 stolen vehicles, 2 graffiti calls, 3 thefts, 3 arrests, and 1 driving under the influence.***
- Asked if there has been any suggestion to put a substation in the Walnut Village area. ***Lt. Weissmann advised there are no plans to put a contact station in Walnut Village.***
- Advised on Palmetto just along Walnut Village kids are parking there and smoking and having sex, wondered if some no parking signs could be put up there to try to

alleviate the problem. Also advised that there is a lot of cars that speed there and asked if speed bumps could be installed. *Lt. Weissmann advised we will look into possibly getting signs for that area. However the speed bump issue the city will not install speed bumps because it is a liability for the city. Officer Heaviside advised the traffic unit is currently working on getting a street racer grant which will have specific officers assigned to work strictly with street racers. Advised if you hear or see street racers to give us a call so we can respond to the area and also keep track of the locations where they chose to race.*

- Asked what could be done with the skate boarders at the shopping center on Mango and Walnut. *Lt. Weissmann advised to call us and we can chase them away but if it's on private property there is not much we can do.*
- Advised he has gone to the shopping center two Saturdays in a row and there have been a bunch of kids in the parking lot drinking and selling drugs. Advised they are real blunt about it and will come up to you and ask you. *Lt. Weissmann advised we will extra patrol the shopping center.*
- Advised at Cambria by the park there is a lot of debris and the stop sign has stuff on it.
- Asked if there was going to be a light signal installed at Palmetto and Baseline. *Officer Reed advised that the city of Fontana doesn't own the whole intersection Rialto owns one corner of the intersection. If the city plans to install a light there they would also have to get an approval from the City of Rialto.*
- Asked who she contacts about being able to smell the dump. *Phillip Saldana advised to contact Environmental Services.*
- Asked if there were any plans to reopen Mango. *Officer Reed advised there is an issue with opening up Mango while the 210 is not complete. Maybe once the 210 is complete they might consider reopening Mango because right now S. Highland is considered an alternate highway. Once the 210 is complete then the city will meet with Cal-Trans to make a decision on opening up Mango or not. The same goes for Palmetto also.*
- Asked if there were any plans to widen Mango just south of Baseline. *Officer Reed advised as far as he knows there are no plans to widen Mango south of Baseline.*
- Asked how the development is going on Highland, is the Super Walmart being developed or is the Promenade. *Lt. Weissmann advised we're still waiting to find out nothing has been settled. Joey Furuto of Public Works advised Walmart still owns the land.*
- Asked if Walnut Village was going to be renamed because the signs were taken down but never put back up. *Joey Furuto advised that Walnut Village is not going to be renamed. The sign was taken down because it was vandalized. A new sign should be put up shortly.*
- Asked if a new overpass is going to be developed over the 10 freeway. *Lt. Weissmann advised yes there will be one. Officer Reed advised there are plans to break ground for that development in 2008.*
- Asked if there have been any issues at the park and ride at Baseline and the 15 freeway. *Lt. Weissmann advised that is not in the city of Fontana. That is Rancho Cucamonga's area. The only one in Fontana is at Beech and the 210 freeway.*

- Asked what the procedure is officers go by when they check for false alarms because the first time her alarm went off the officer came out and didn't check her property properly because there was a planter which had been tipped over and a clear sign that someone tried to break into her residence and it wasn't a false alarm. *Sergeant Megenney advised that if the front of your house looks secure and the gate to the back yard is locked or if you have dogs usually the officer will only check certain perimeters of the property and then make the determination if it's a false alarm or not. Advised you should get to know your neighbors, so that way they could keep an eye on your house while you are gone and also you will know who belongs in your neighborhood and who don't and will be able to call in any suspicious people.*
- Advised Neighborhood Watch really does work.
- Asked when the Mayor is coming back to the community meetings.
- Asked if Summit High School Library is a public library. *Another resident advised that Summit High School is a public library.*
- Asked if it was true that Rialto Airport is going to close down. *Sergeant Megenney advised that there are talks about it and it will probably happen within the next two years.*

**THE NEXT COMMUNITY MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MAY 10, 2007 AT MANGO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (7450 MANGO AVENUE). THE MEETING WILL START AT 6:30 IN THE CAFETERIA.**

**PLEASE SUBMIT ANY ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA BY MAY 9, 2007 TO:**

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