

Mayor and City Council



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CITY MANAGER
Kenneth R. Hunt

City Facts

The City of Fontana was incorporated in 1952

The population of Fontana FY 2007/2008 is 182,257

The City's incorporated area is 41.5 square miles, with a sphere of influence of 54.2 square miles

The Fontana Police Department provides quality service to the citizens of Fontana.

Sworn Personnel:201
Non-Sworn Personnel:98
FY 2007/2008: \$39,646,300

Fontana Police Department - Mission and Values

Mission

The Fontana Police Department is committed to protecting the community by providing the quality "Service with Integrity." As an organization, we will continue to build diverse community based partnerships. These partnerships will be guided by innovation and perseverance to ensure Fontana's future as a well-developed, dignified and respected community in the Inland Empire.

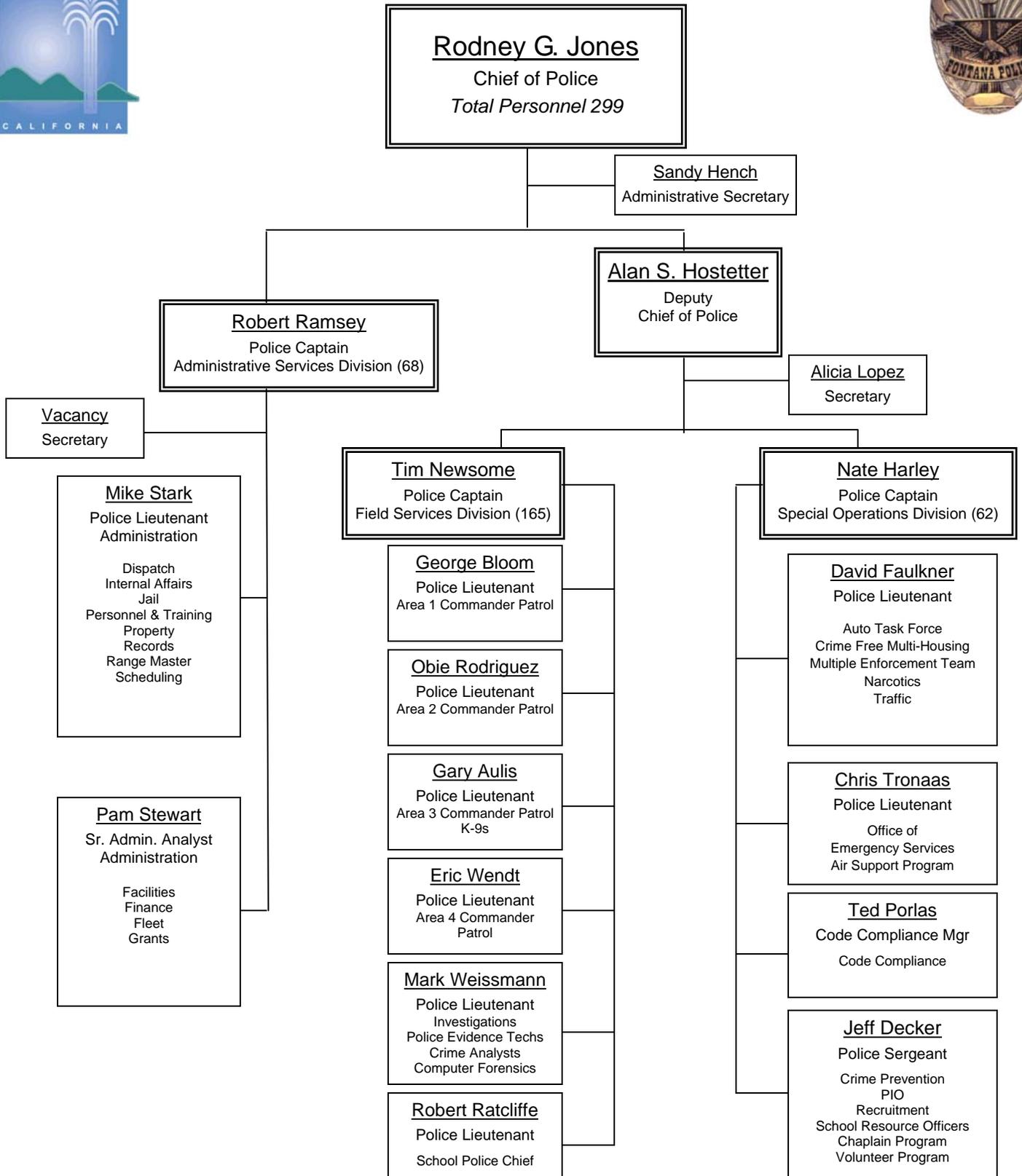
Core Values

- Tradition:** We are a tradition rich organization, respectful of past accomplishments, optimistic about current challenges and inspirationally leading the way for Fontana's future.
- Excellence:** We strive for excellence in all we do. We work to identify our organizational vulnerabilities and are committed to improvement via training, communication, and initiative.
- Accountability:** We hold ourselves accountable for our deeds. We are aware of the impact our actions have and are dedicated to providing service with integrity.
- Mindful:** We are mindful of the trust and confidence placed in us by the community. We honor this responsibility and strive for validation each and every day.

Fontana Police Department

Organizational Chart

12-31-07



Message from the Chief

It gives me great pride to introduce the 2007 Fontana Police Department Annual Report since it is the first report to be produced following my appointment as your Chief of Police in December, 2007. I am proud to serve as the leader of 299 dedicated employees, more than 160 Cadets, Chaplains, Explorers, and Volunteers. These individuals are the department's single greatest strength and are all proud to serve the department and the Fontana community. They are committed to delivering the best law enforcement services possible by striving to exceed the community's expectations and continually raise the organizational standards of excellence.



A successful marketing and recruitment program helps to hire the best individuals to serve in the Fontana Police Department, coupled with the continued education and training of all personnel to maximize job knowledge and skill levels. Technology continues to play a major role as the department constantly evaluates and implements new state-of-the-art technologies in order to deliver excellent service. These are only a few factors that allow Fontana to remain at the fore front of law enforcement.

The Fontana Police Department will continue its work towards building relationships with the community through the collaboration of agencies, citizens, and City, State and Federal political leaders. As a community policing department, Fontana believes in the interaction between police and community and knows that this partnership will unify Fontana, ensure public safety and continue to improve the quality of life for its citizens.

I encourage you to look through the pages of this 2007 annual report as you will see the mark of excellence in the programs and services provided.

I look forward to a productive 2008.

Rodney G. Jones
Chief of Police

El mensaje del Jefe

Me da un gran orgullo introducir el Informe Anual del 2007 de la Policía de Fontana, este es el primer informe de ser producido desde mi nombramiento como su Jefe de Policía en diciembre 2007. Estoy orgulloso de servir como el líder de 299 empleados dedicados, más de 160 Cadetes, Capellanes, Exploradores, y Voluntarios. Estos individuos son la fuerza más grande del Departamento y están orgullosos de servir al Departamento y la comunidad de Fontana. Ellos están dispuestos a entregar el mejor servicio posible de la ley esforzando y exceder las expectativas de la comunidad y continuamente la excelencia de la organización.

Con un comercio prospero y programas exitosos ayudan a emplear a los mejores individuos para servir en la Policía de Fontana, emparejados con la educación continua y entrenamiento de todo personal para llegar al máximo conocimiento del trabajo y niveles de habilidad. La tecnología continúa a jugar un papel mayor a como el Departamento constantemente evalúa e implementa nueva tecnología estado de arte para entregar un servicio excelente. Estos son sólo unos pocos factores que permiten a Fontana quedarse al frente de la ley.

La Policía de Fontana continuará trabajando para construir una relación con la comunidad con la colaboración de agencias, ciudadanos, Estado, y líderes Federales. Como un Departamento que custodia la comunidad, Fontana cree en la interacción entre la policía y la comunidad y sabe que esta asociación unificará a Fontana, asegurará la seguridad pública y continuará mejorando la calidad de vida para sus ciudadanos.

Les sugerí examinar las páginas de este Informe Anual del 2007 como usted verá la marca de excelencia en los programas y servicios proporcionados.

Espero un productivo 2008.

Rodney G. Jones
Jefe de Policía

Retirements



Chief of Police Larry Clark
Service Dates 09/01/80 - 2/28/07



Corporal Phil Suchowski
Service Dates 12/17/88 - 09/28/07



Officer Richard Lopez
Service Dates 06/27/88 - 06/28/07



Personnel & Training Clerk
Judy DeLacy
Service Dates 05/18/87 - 12/28/07



Sr. Community Service Officer
Connie Parsons
Service Dates 09/11/78 - 06/01/07



Dispatcher
Michelle Plasencia
Service Dates 11/06/78 - 07/07/07

In appreciation for your years of service to the City of Fontana

In Memoriam



Officer Jose Molina
End of Watch 08/06/07

Officer Jose Molina was hired as a Police Cadet on August 4, 1997. On September 27, 1999, he was hired as a Police Officer Trainee. He advanced to Police Officer on March 4, 2000 following graduation from the San Bernardino Sheriff's Training Academy. Jose was assigned to the Patrol Division, on Team 3.

Jose served the department as a Dispatch Call-Taker, Taser Instructor, member of the department's Bicycle Enforcement Team and a mentor in the department's Mentor Program. He had specialized professional training in Gang Awareness, Drug Influence and Recognition, Traffic Accident Investigations, and the Parole Program. Throughout his career Jose received numerous commendations for his exceptional performance.



Officer Miles Franks
End of Watch 12/17/07

Officer Miles Franks was hired as a Police Officer Trainee on September 27, 2005. He advanced to Police Officer on March 27, 2006 following graduation from the San Bernardino Sheriff's Training Academy. Miles was assigned to the Patrol Division, on Team 1.

Miles was a Police Officer at Antelope Valley College Police Department from 2004 until being hired by Fontana PD. He also attended and graduated from Rio Hondo Police Academy and the Orange County Sheriff's Academy.

Miles fulfilled his life-long dream when he became an officer at Fontana PD and loved serving the community.

2007 Swearing In Ceremonies



January 10, 2007

2007 New Hires

- 23 Police Officers
- 4 Police Officer Trainees
- 1 Emergency Services Technician
- 1 Computer Forensics Technician
- 1 Community Services Officer
- 5 Dispatchers
- 1 Property Clerk
- 6 Records Clerks
- 1 Cadet



April 2, 2007

2007 Promotions

- 1 Chief of Police
- 1 Deputy Chief of Police
- 1 Lieutenant
- 3 Sergeants
- 5 Corporals
- 1 Police Officer
- 1 Administrative Analyst
- 1 Dispatch Shift Supervisor
- 1 Dispatcher II
- 1 Dispatcher I
- 1 Community Service Officer



June 26, 2007

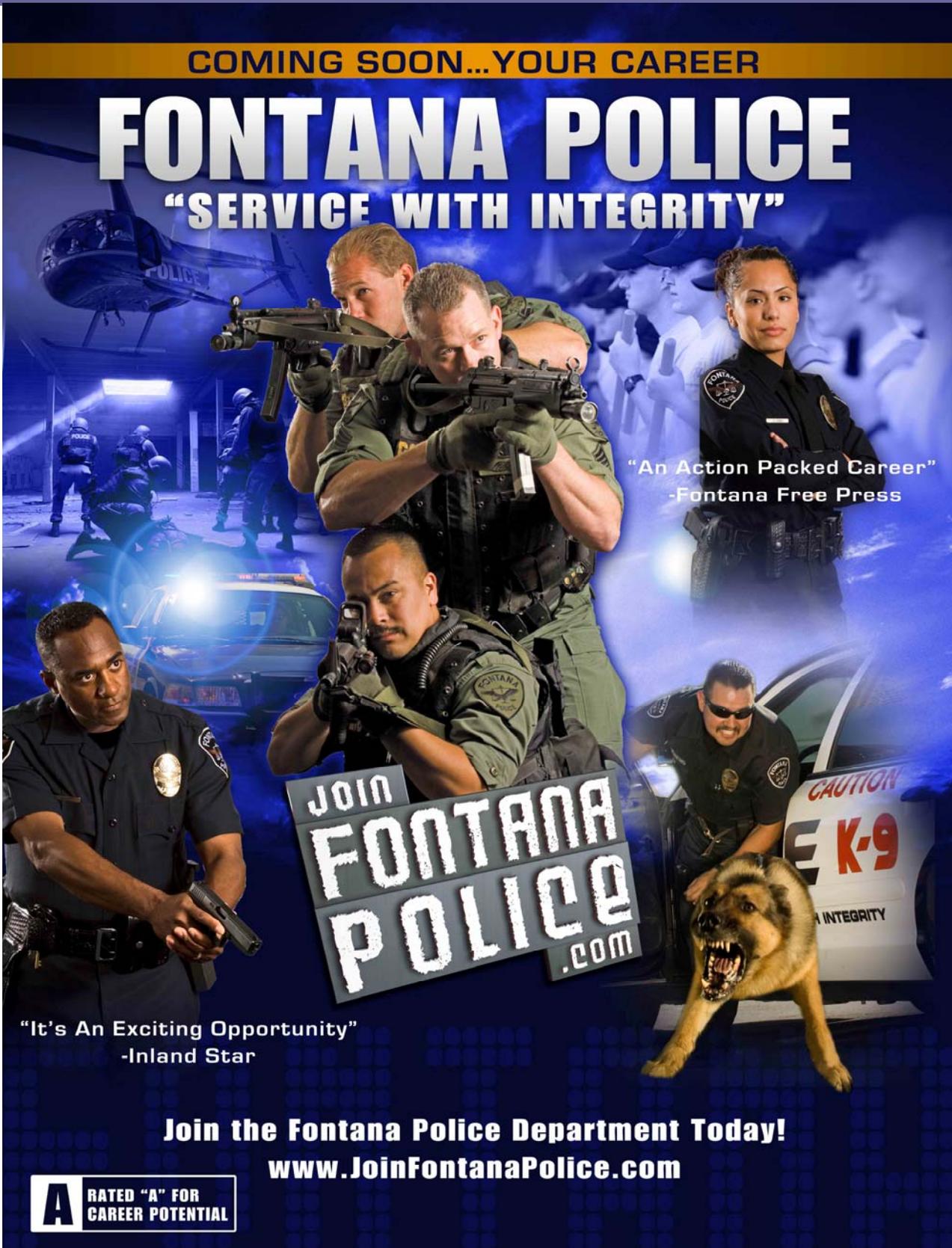


October 2, 2007

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CAREER POTENTIAL

Part One Crimes

Category	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	% Change
Homicide	18	9	9	5	8	60%
Rape	51	52	49	40	43	1%
Robbery	264	242	232	253	292	15%
Assault	565	497	440	562	553	-1%
Burglary	746	733	780	779	936	20%
Larceny	1,405	1,391	1,495	1,375	2067	50%
GTA	1,400	1,417	1,402	1,155	1149	-1%
Arson	38	23	20	12	13	1%
Total	4,487	4,364	4,427	4,181	5,061	21%

Fontana Police Department Facilities



Main Station
17005 Upland Avenue



Southridge Station
11500 Live Oak Avenue



Palm Court Station
17122 Slover Avenue



Summit Heights Station
14940 Summit Avenue

Administrative Services Division

The Administrative Services Division's primary mission is to provide support services to the Field and Special Operations Divisions. This mission is primarily accomplished through civilian employees who provide such support functions as hiring of personnel, purchasing, property/evidence, planning and research, training, payroll, internal affairs, risk management, dispatch, reports, budget, records, fleet and facility maintenance, grants and special funding.

Internal Affairs and Risk Management

The Internal Affairs Unit investigates citizen and employee complaints against personnel and internal discipline matters. Also handled by this unit are risk management issues which necessitate the investigation of liability claims against the City. In 2007 the unit handled 36 citizen complaints, 53 department complaints, and 34 liability claims.

Fleet and Building Maintenance



The Maintenance Coordinator is responsible for the preventive maintenance and coordination of repairs for the police facilities and all police vehicles. The department's fleet consists of 136 vehicles, both black and white and unmarked vehicles, pickup trucks, trailers and motorcycles.

Communications Unit

The Communications Unit is the primary link to officers in the field. All dispatchers attend professional training related to dispatching during disasters, crisis/stress management, and skills in training new dispatchers. Dispatchers handled a total of 100,862 calls for service during 2007, a 4% increase over 2006.



Records Unit

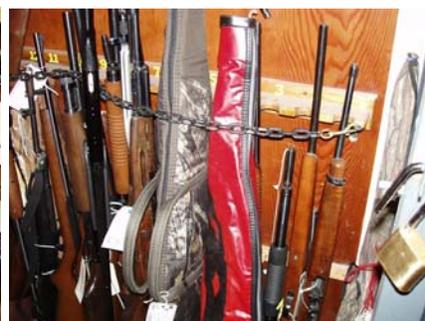
The Records Unit is responsible for tracking and processing all police reports, obtaining statistical information, data entry into the department's computerized records management system, disseminating copies to appropriate persons and agencies, and registering narcotics, arson, and sex offenders who reside within the City limits. In 2007, the Records Unit processed 21,168 police reports, and processed 19,340 traffic citations.



Property Control Unit



The Property Control Unit is responsible for the storage, maintenance, and disposition of all evidence and miscellaneous property collected by Police Officers. In 2007, the Property Control Unit received 14,527 items. A total of 13,117 items were released, auctioned or destroyed, some of which included property collected prior to 2007.



Police Department Technology

In 2007, the department implemented a Digital Recorder System. This system allows police officers to record contacts with the public and uploads the recordings automatically when docked in a cradle. This makes the process of handling audio files much more streamlined saving time for police officers and support staff alike. As part of this project the department deployed digital foot pedals allowing support staff to transcribe recordings directly from the network.



The department also began implementation of a new fleet of Mobile Data Computers (MDC) for the patrol units. The new equipment further increases the patrol unit computer's reliability, ease of use, speed, and capabilities. Even more equipment is consolidated to the laptop making installation, maintenance, and support easier than before.

As part of the new MDC installs, broadband wireless was implemented for the patrol units. This increases the department's bandwidth by more than 50 times. This makes additional services, information and capabilities in the field possible with continuing improvements in the units planned for 2008.



Fontana Police Department Grants and Special Funding

The following grants for 2007 represent more than \$1 million in funding and help to sustain 12 full time positions, 8 part-time positions, and funding of the department's helicopter program:

State COPS \$300,000

The State COPS grant is used to expand innovative crime programs which benefit front line law enforcement and the citizens of Fontana.

Justice Assistance Grant \$57,000

This grant is used in specific purpose areas of local law enforcement in order to reduce crime and improve public safety.

Neighborhood Improvement Team \$400,000

To partner with the Fontana Redevelopment/Housing Agency to enhance the quality of life in specifically targeted neighborhoods within the City.

SANCATT \$144,000

The funds are used for the regional grand theft auto task force.

Bullet Proof Vests \$2,700

These funds are used for the purchase of body armor for police officers.

Office of Traffic Safety \$10,000

This grant is used to fund the "Click It or Ticket" campaign.

Homeland Security Grant \$116,000

To purchase equipment for use in front line law enforcement related to Homeland Security.

Wireless Tech \$49,000

This grant is used to purchase wireless equipment for the department in order to expedite delivery of data to field officers allowing for quicker resolution to calls and increasing officer proactive time.

Community Assistance Program

Mission Statement

The City of Fontana is committed to providing residents the ability to access resources, technology, and community services. This creates the opportunity to enrich families and enable them to lead more fruitful lives. Water of Life Community Church is partnering with the City of Fontana to assist the community in accessing these resources through the Community Assistance Program (CAP).



CAP is a program providing Fontana residents with referrals to low-cost or free community services. 1,676 citizens benefited from the services of CAP during 2007.

Services include:

- Family life skills
- Job preparation skills
- Temporary assistance due to short-term health issues
- Counseling referrals
- Emergency housing repairs and maintenance for seniors or individuals with temporary disabilities
- Substance abuse or behavioral problems
- Temporary shelter or housing

Faith Based Program

Pastors and church leaders from all denominations of churches throughout Fontana meet quarterly with the Chief of Police. The shared goals of these men and women are to improve the quality of life for Fontana citizens. These meetings provide the opportunity to disseminate information, and a forum for church leaders to express their concerns, exchange information and support one another in their ongoing endeavors.

Scharf Avenue Dedication July 17, 2007



Scharf Avenue was named in memory of Sergeant Aaron Scharf who passed away at the age of 33, after honorably serving the Fontana Police Department for 15 years.



So well liked was Aaron by his supervisors, co-workers, and the citizens of Fontana that at the April 2005 Mayor's Gala a Silent Auction was held and Marc Wims, President of Fontana Nissan became the proud donor of the street named "Scharf Avenue." It is with honor and distinction that Aaron served the citizens of Fontana and the naming of a street in his memory is a fitting tribute.



Mayor Mark Nuaimi



Retired Chief Larry Clark and Pastor Dan Carroll of Water of Life Church with Sergeant Scharf's Family



The Scharf Family

Field Services Division

Patrol Unit

The Patrol Unit is the largest and most visible unit within the Police Department and provides round the clock protection and service to the community. The Unit is normally the first point of contact for law enforcement with the public, and has the primary function of enforcing all laws, investigating crimes, apprehending criminals and



working towards preventing crime from occurring. The Patrol Unit handles a wide variety of situations such as looking for a lost child, ensuring traffic flows safely, and handling disputes.



Reserve Officer Program

The current Reserve Police Officer Program consists of four officers working in various capacities and assignments within the department. Throughout the year 2007, the Reserve Officers donated a total of 1,023 hours to the department.

Reserve Officers receive a great deal of training in order to gain proficiency. They are required to attend a minimum of two hundred hours of academy training in conjunction with over six hundred hours of field training before they are considered competent officers.

Reserve Officers donate most of their time by working patrol as uniformed officers. However, some officers utilize specialized training from the private sector to assist with in-depth criminal investigations. Reserve Officers perform much needed duties and provide a cost effective alternative for community service. Services provided by Reserve Officers allow full-time Police Officers to be available to handle other calls for service.

Investigations Unit

The Investigations Unit has the primary responsibility for conducting in-depth criminal investigations that are too complex or time consuming for the Patrol unit to handle or that require highly specialized attention. The unit investigates both reported and unreported crime. Investigators identify and arrest criminal suspects and prepare cases for successful prosecution in the court system.

Investigations handled by this unit are broken down into the following categories:

Crimes Against Persons:

Crimes against persons include homicides, sex crimes, crimes against children, robberies, assaults and domestic violence. This section is assigned to the investigation of crimes in which persons were targeted by the suspects. Detectives assigned to this section investigated 326 crimes during 2007.



Crimes Against Property:



Crimes against property include embezzlement, burglary, theft, forgery/fraud and vandalism. This section is assigned the investigation of crimes in which property is targeted by suspects. Detectives assigned to this section investigated 585 crimes during 2007.

During 2007, the Investigations Unit registered 419 sex offenders, 406 narcotic offenders, and nine arson offenders.

Missing Persons:

This assignments is handled primarily by a Community Service Officer (CSO) assigned to the Investigations Unit. The missing persons CSO is responsible for runaway juveniles, missing adults and critical missing persons. The CSO tracks all missing persons, and clears most of these cases through follow-up with family and friends of missing person. During 2007, there were a total of 764 cases of missing persons and runaway juveniles.



Crime Analysis

Crime Analysis is the study of criminal activity in order to identify crime patterns and trends, determine their affect on the jurisdiction, disseminate information, and develop strategies to assist in solving particular crime problems. In short, the main goal of crime analysis is to provide timely and pertinent crime information to operational and administrative personnel.



The two analysts assigned to this unit monitor criminal activity and are aware of crime trends both within and outside of the city. This knowledge base allows the analyst to identify crime patterns and series, forecast future crime occurrences, determine possible crime targets, and provide investigative leads. The information obtained through analysis is disseminated through crime bulletins, informational bulletins, and wanted person flyers.

The Crime Analysis Unit is also responsible for the statistical analysis of crime data. The analysts study the increases and decreases in calls for service, types of crimes occurring, number of reports taken, and officer response times. This aspect of crime analysis often assists in departmental planning.

Field Evidence Unit



The Field Evidence Unit is responsible for processing crime scenes for forensic evidence including latent fingerprints, blood evidence, DNA, trace evidence, crime scene photographs, and factual diagrams. They process all crime scenes including homicide, rape, burglary, auto theft/recovery, and any other crime scene where their services are needed. The Field Evidence Technicians collect evidence, photograph scenes, book evidence into property, and examine items for fingerprints and other trace evidence. They are also required to testify in court regarding the crime scenes they have investigated.

The unit is comprised of three Field Evidence Technicians who provide seven days a week coverage for processing crime scenes. During 2007, the Fontana Police Department Field Evidence Unit processed 544 crime scenes. This is a 4% decrease over the prior year.

Fontana Senior Safety Network

The Fontana Police Department is a multi-faceted community policing program to approach issues and services concerning senior citizens. The Fontana Senior Safety Network was established to share information, build an allied support for elder abuse prevention and create a resource referral system for seniors in need.

The network is comprised of 85 representatives from public safety, prosecution, community service, social service, faith based, business alliance and private organizations.



It is the mutual belief that by keeping our seniors active within our community and keeping our community active with our seniors, we will achieve an effective elder abuse and elder fraud prevention campaign. The Fontana Senior Safety Network has been recognized by the California Crime Prevention Officer's Association and the National Center on Elder Abuse.



The City of Fontana is a member of the WeTip program. WeTip is a national nonprofit organization, staffing tip operators that take anonymous tips from all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. In 2007, WeTip handled 159 crime tips for Fontana.

To contact WeTip call 800-78-CRIME or log on to www.wetip.com

Partnership with Fontana Unified School Police

Fontana Unified School District School Police became partners in a contractual agreement to have a member of the Police Department Command Staff serve as Acting Police Chief for the School Police. The School District agreed to pay for the position. The Fontana City Council and School Board embrace this concept as both entities mutually benefit from the partnership since the Police Department works so closely with School Police. This type of partnership is fitting with the goals of the City Council to establish inter-governmental relations and partnerships with other public agencies. To date this partnership has worked very well and both parties are pleased with the outcome and positive results that are proving both beneficial and cost effective.



Air Support Unit



The Air Support Unit, "Air 44," provides an enhanced, proactive, aerial patrol service to the City of Fontana to augment officer and citizen safety, reduce radio call response times to major crimes, increase criminal apprehension, provide a sense of police omnipresence and to reduce City liability in high-risk police incidents such as high speed pursuits. The unit also provides extra patrol to problem areas associated with the Area Commander Program. The Air Support Unit is staffed by one full time Police Officer Observer, one part time backup Office Observer and is supervised by a Police Lieutenant.

This Air Support Unit operates five 10-hour shifts per week and is airborne at least 22.5 hours. In 2007, "Air 44" flew a total of 1,114 hours, responded to 3,705 radio calls, arriving first on scene 3,408 times 92% of the time. The unit assisted in 660 arrests, responded to 675 Fontana City Code violations, 855 alarm calls, 825 disturbance party calls and located 37 stolen vehicles.

K-9 Program

The Fontana Police Department currently employs three police trained K-9 dogs. The K-9 unit consists of two Belgian Malinois and one Czechoslovakian Shepard. The purpose of the K-9 program is to assist the patrol officers with routine calls, in addition to conducting searches for suspects and evidence. The combination of the K-9's special training and their extraordinary sense of smell aid officers in finding a person who is hiding from the police. The K-9 program is credited with saving countless work hours for the officers and making their work environment and our community a safer place.



K-9s Oscar, Rex and Ricky together in 2007, conducted over 432 searches of fields, buildings and vehicles, and responded to over 7,265 calls for K-9 assistance. Additionally the K-9 team located 39 suspects, made 23 live K-9 demonstrations, and made two visits to the Kaiser Hospital Pediatric Oncology Ward.

K-9 "Rex" is narcotics certified and in 2007 narcotic searches located and recovered 4.8 pounds methamphetamine, 30 methamphetamine pipes, 66.5 pounds marijuana, 49 marijuana pipes, 42.6 pounds cocaine, 16 balloons of heroin, 380 Ecstasy pills, 3 hidden compartments, \$61,760 cash and one handgun.

Kaiser Hospital Pediatric Oncology Ward Visit



This year, the K-9 teams continued to be supported by the non-profit organization, "Fontana Police K-9 PALS." The "K-9 PALS" raised \$28,000 in 2007 to use for the purchase of new K-9's and for additional training.

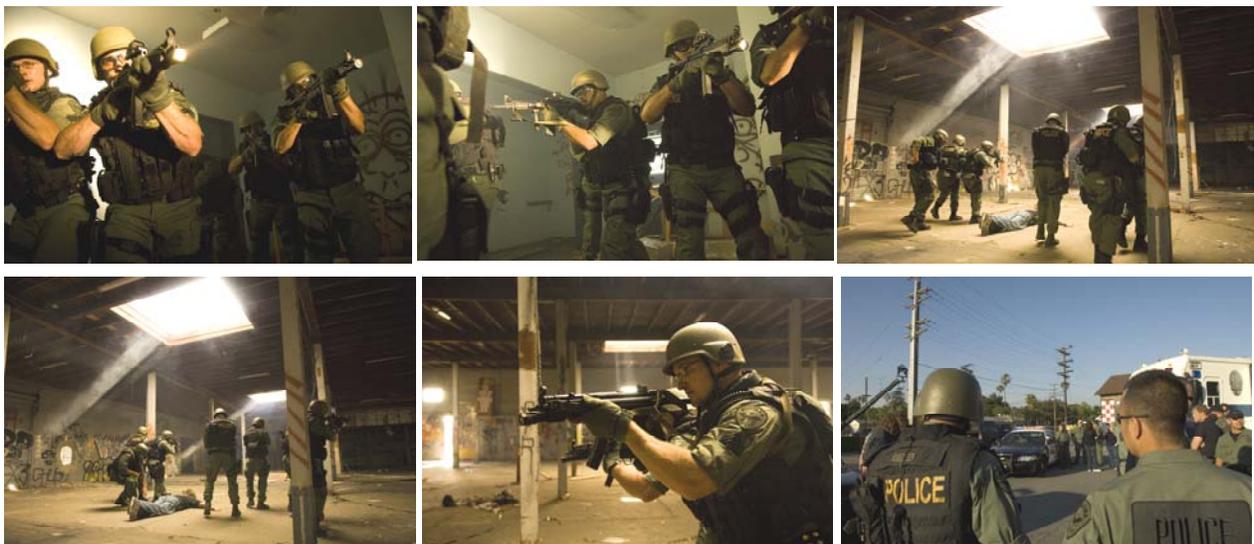
Special Enforcement Detail

The Fontana Police Department's Special Enforcement Detail (SED) is charged with handling complex, critical incidents that exceed the scope of patrol services. The SED team is responsible for handling all barricaded suspect situations, hostage rescues, high-risk arrest and search warrants and any situation where specialized tactics, training, and equipment is needed to safely resolve a tumultuous dilemma. The SED team consists of three important and interconnected elements; Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT), Hostage Negotiations (HNT), and the Tactical Dispatch element.



The primary objective of the HNT Team is two fold: to peacefully resolve crisis situations with the goal of saving lives and preventing injury, and to gain intelligence useful to the SWAT Team in the event that a tactical approach must be utilized to resolve a problem. The Tactical Dispatch contingency consists of highly trained dispatchers that work as the communications conduit between all elements of the SED team. The Hostage Negotiations Team and the Tactical Dispatch Unit is activated along with SWAT in all situations to provide a comprehensive effort to bring a peaceful resolution to all critical incidents.

The Special Enforcement Detail was activated three times during 2007.



Cadet Program

The Cadet Program is designed to assist in the department's effort to improve its role in obtaining a diverse work force. This program is utilized to attract young adults who are well-qualified to participate in an organized, on-the-job training program to ultimately move into a career in the law enforcement field.

Cadets are college students between the ages of 18 and 21, who desire to be part of the law enforcement community. These young adults will ultimately gain first hand knowledge of law enforcement by working various assignments within the police department while still maintaining a full time college schedule.



Cadets work in various assignments throughout the department, including traffic division, community policing, records division, investigations, and administration. Cadets also work the department's front desk and lobby area assisting citizens.

Cadets are expected to maintain a full course curriculum at local colleges equaling nine units per semester and must maintain a 2.0 grade point average. In addition to the college attendance, each cadet is required to work at the police department in the varying assignments for upwards of 19 to 20 hours per week.



Individuals desiring to become police cadets must pass the same rigorous testing and background process given to individuals attempting to become police officers. The idea is that once an individual has obtained the experience in the position of police cadet, and when they reach the age of 21, they will be able to transition into a police trainee position. These young adults are required to meet and maintain the same physical and mental standards expected of police officer candidates.

The department has a total of ten police cadet positions. During the calendar year of 2007 a total of three cadets completed the transition to Police Officer Trainee. Two cadets were promoted to the position of Community Service Officer.

Area Commander Program

The Area Commander Program focuses on finding long term solutions, whenever possible, to chronic community issues. These issues can, of course, be solving criminal matters such as a gang or drug house that is causing problems in the neighborhood, or something that affects the quality of life, but are not necessarily a criminal matter such as a blighted house or building. The program currently divides the city into four geographic regions that are monitored and supervised each by a police Lieutenant.



The Area Commander Program is the foundation of the department and the city's commitment to community oriented policing. The goal of finding a permanent solution to a problem, instead of a fix that often is just temporary, is tasked to the Area Commander for each region. The Lieutenant then utilizes all resources available, not just within the police department, but within other city departments, as well. If the problem is resolved long term, then police and other city resources can be utilized for other issues, resulting in better service to the community.

The four areas which divide the city are; "Area 1" which is the region north of the 210 freeway, "Area 2" which is the region north of Foothill Boulevard to the 210 freeway, "Area 3" which is the region south of Foothill to the Interstate 10 freeway, and "Area 4" which is all areas south of the Interstate 10 freeway. A full time Community Policing Technician is assigned to assist the Area Commanders with managing some of the projects and issues throughout the city.

During 2007 there were 28 regularly scheduled community meetings in all parts of the city to discuss issues and concerns, and to educate the public on what is occurring in the city.

Field Training Officer Program



The primary purpose of the Field Training Officer (FTO) Program is to teach new personnel (including Police Officers, Reserve Officers, Community Service Officers and Dispatchers) the procedures and techniques employed by the department in its service to the community. The quality of personnel and the demands for excellence placed on police employees are of the utmost concern to the City of Fontana and the Police Department managers. An integral axiom of the FTO Program is to impart understanding and implementation of the Police Department's philosophies, including the department's focus on, and concern for progressive improvement. During 2007, 21 new officers complete the FTO program.



Business Watch

The Business Watch Program is aimed at preventing crime against business proprietors by employing an active partnership among business owners and law enforcement agencies. Business Watch operates by increasing awareness of criminal activity and knowledge about crime prevention tactics among the business community through training programs and practices. A Community Policing Technician serves as liaison between the Chamber of Commerce and the Police Department to assist in establishing positive relationships among the businesses in the city and the department.



Neighborhood Watch Program

As the City of Fontana grew by leaps and bounds, the Neighborhood Watch program quickly followed. 23 new Neighborhood Watch groups were established in 2007, to give a total of 143 active groups in the Neighborhood Watch program.



Neighborhood Watch residents are not only active within their own neighborhoods, but they also enjoy volunteering for the larger Fontana community, participating in the Police Department's CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) and Volunteer Program.

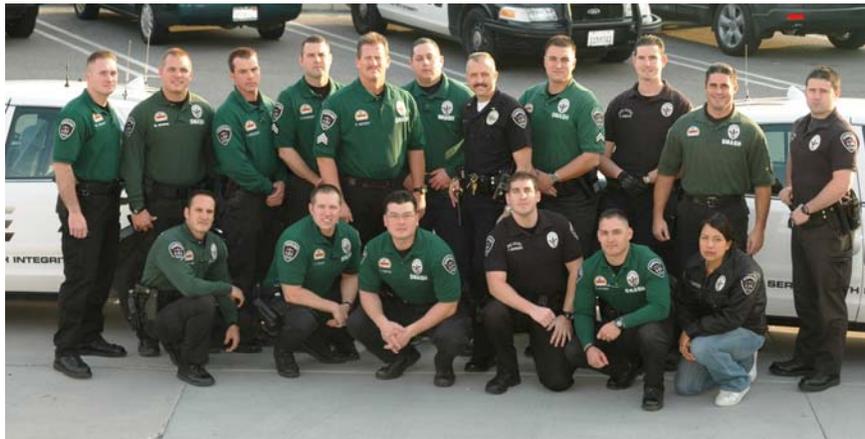
Neighborhood Watch National Night Out 2007



Special Operations Division

The Special Operations Division is comprised of the Multiple Enforcement Team (MET), Bicycle Unit, Gang Unit, Crime Free Multi-Housing, Traffic Unit, Narcotics Unit, Graffiti Enforcement, School Resource Officers, Explorers, Office of Emergency Services, Code Compliance, Chaplains, Volunteer Program, Citizen Academy and CERT. Each employee assigned to this division works toward the common goal of reducing the impact of criminal activity through proactive response, combined with community educational programs.

Multiple Enforcement Team (MET)



The Multiple Enforcement Team is staffed with officers from the Bicycle Unit, Gang Unit, Narcotics Unit, and the GTA Team. These officers specialize in crime suppression in response to the area commander program, as well, as directed patrols as needed within the community. In addition, these officers work with various units across the police department to provide support when needed. Officers from these units under one command allows for greater flexibility and quicker response to requests for assistance. During 2007, the MET Unit was responsible for 332 felony arrests, 152 misdemeanor arrests, 374 warrant arrests, 166 citations, 93 vehicle impounds, 4,561 field interviews, 1,069 parole/probation searches, 35 STEP notices served to two active gangs, 606 gang members identified, 22 outside agency assists, 2,649 gang members contacted.

Graffiti Enforcement

The Graffiti Enforcement team is part of the Multiple Enforcement Team (MET). The team works in concert with the Public Works department. Working together to eradicate graffiti, the Graffiti Enforcement Team and Public Works Department aggressively works to have it removed in a timely manner. Once it is identified, 80% of the graffiti is removed in 24 hours and 99.99% is removed within 72 hours.

Gang Unit

The Gang Unit is regionally recognized for their expertise. The unit works closely with neighboring agencies to monitor gang members and quickly take them into custody when they are involved in illegal activities. The Gang Unit participates in a variety of multi-agency sweeps throughout San Bernardino County. Members of the unit are court recognized experts in gang identification. They teach several classes on the illegal street gangs. Frequently, members of the Gang Unit will assist patrol officers and detectives with their expertise on criminal activity.

Grand Theft Auto Team

The Grand Theft Auto team is comprised of a Detective and an Officer who investigate and coordinate proactive responses to auto theft. The officers assigned to this team work with our crime analyst to identify the types of vehicles taken and areas most affected by this crime. They are also responsible for working with other Inland Empire agencies to enhance interagency communication concerning crime trends and formulate strategies for reducing the impact of auto theft on Fontana residents.

Press Information Officer

The Press Information Officer (PIO) handles media relations in the department. This person also oversees the School Resource Officer program. All press releases are handled through the PIO. The PIO has to identify incidents handled by the police department that would draw the attention of the media and ensure the proper information is released to the media. Any requests for information from the media are directed to the PIO.



Narcotics Unit



The Fontana Police Department uses a narcotics enforcement team to investigate narcotics related criminal activity in and around the greater Fontana city area. Members of this unit work with community informants, Area Commanders, and outside allied agencies to identify people who possess, manufacture, and sell narcotics. During 2007, the Fontana Police Department's SET (Street Enforcement Team) Narcotics Unit, reported the following statistics: 221 arrests made, 56 guns seized, \$797,105 worth of drugs removed from the streets, 39 search warrants served, and \$131,678 in cash seized.

Bicycle Unit

This four member bike team is a proactive unit that facilitates direct interaction with the community. The officers assigned to this unit can work in areas not readily accessible by officers in traditional patrol vehicles. The Bicycle Unit is often present in the business areas and can be seen at most parks in the community during seasonal events. During 2007, the bike unit rode 3,160 miles, made 91 felony arrests, 145 misdemeanor arrests, 137 warrant arrests, wrote 407 cases, 278 citations, made 21,935 citizen contacts and 993 business contacts.



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 vehicles within the city. These goals are accomplished through proactive enforcement, responding to and investigating traffic collisions, and by developing solutions to various problem traffic areas with the city.

During 2007, a total of 2,030 traffic accidents were investigated, 16,488 citations issued and 367 DUI arrests were made department wide.

A variety of special programs have been implemented and routinely conducted throughout the year to further enhance the Traffic Unit's effectiveness. The programs include DUI checkpoints and saturation patrols, enhanced seat belt enforcement through California's "Click it or Ticket" campaign, court house stings targeting unlicensed drivers', and many speaking engagements to educate the public on traffic issues and get a first hand account of our citizen's traffic concerns.

In addition to this, the department seeks support from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) through grant funding. In 2007, we continued to work under a seat belt grant, sobriety grant and our SAVE (Speed and Alcohol Enforcement) grant. This collaborative effort between the Fontana Police Department and OTS allowed for eight DUI Checkpoints with a total of 14,861 vehicles processed through the checkpoint, 990 of those vehicles being diverted for investigation of DUI or other violation. A total of 640 citations were issued, 567 vehicles were impounded and 42 drivers arrested for drunk driving.

MAIT (Major Accident Investigation Team)

This 10 member Major Accident Investigation Team are trained in accident reconstruction. Each member of the team is a qualified expert with a background in mathematics and physics related to vehicle dynamics. Personnel assigned to this team investigate all fatal and near fatal traffic accidents occurring within the City of Fontana. During 2007, the team was called out to investigate 16 collisions with 13 of them resulting in fatalities.

Emergency Services Unit

The Emergency Services Unit is responsible for administering, monitoring and coordinating the emergency preparedness program for the City. This unit is responsible for the planned response and recovery by the City for any extraordinary emergency situation, to include natural and man-made disasters, technological incidents, hazardous material incidents and national security emergencies. This unit focuses on the large-scale disasters that require unusual emergency responses.



This unit oversees and is supported by the RACES (Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service) organization, as well as CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) team members. Both of these volunteer organizations within the City undergo extensive emergency preparedness training and assist in

the City's response to emergencies and in conducting in-house training exercises to prepare the City of Fontana for various disasters.



A Department of Homeland Security grant was utilized to upgrade the technology in the Department's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) which is overseen by the Emergency Services Unit. Due to this \$40,000 upgrade the EOC is better equipped to function more efficiently during times of a disaster and serve the community more effectively.



Community Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T.) Program

The CERT training program consists of a seven week course including Emergency Preparedness, Fire Suppression, Medical Operations, Light Search and Rescue, Disaster Psychology, CERT Organization and Terrorism. At the end of the training course, the students participate in a disaster simulation drill to test the skills they learned throughout the course. Upon completion of the course, the students receive a disaster service worker ID card and a FEMA endorsed CERT certificate. Additional training is held on a monthly basis to further the knowledge of the volunteers in other areas such as Traffic Control, CPR and First Aid, radio operations, sheltering, etc.



In 2007, the CERT training program graduated three classes consisting of 73 new CERT Volunteers. The City of Fontana now has over 350 trained CERT volunteers.



Code Compliance

The Code Compliance unit compliments the law enforcement functions of the Police Department by ensuring that local city codes, weed abatement and animal control regulations are adhered to and help sustain a safe and aesthetically pleasing community. Code

Compliance personnel work closely with Police personnel in conducting periodic neighborhood sweeps that target illegal vendors, substandard housing and inoperative vehicles on private property. This Unit also administers the City's contract animal control services along with spay/neuter and licensing programs. In 2007 the Code Compliance Unit was responsible for 3,253 Code Compliance cases, surveying 107,054 parcels citywide for weed/rubbing abatement, and surveying 21,808 properties for animal license compliance.



Crime Free Multi-Housing Program



The Crime Free Multi-Housing Program is a coalition of law enforcement, property owners, managers, and tenants of apartment and mobile home communities. All are committed to provide a safe living environment for residents in multi-housing complexes.

A Community Policing Technician assists in training apartment managers and inspecting apartment complexes to ensure that the complexes meet certain safety standards for the tenants. Complexes that meet the standards may display a special Crime Free Multi-Housing sign. The Technician then monitors complexes to make sure the standards are maintained while assisting owner/managers of the units in solving problems that may arise in the complex. There are currently 80 apartment complexes with a total of 5,046 multi-family units participating in the program.



Chaplain Program

The police department has chaplains that volunteer to assist residents and officers alike. These chaplains assist the officers with calls involving domestic violence, serious injuries or death. Chaplains receive training for this purpose and remain in an “on-call” status throughout the year.



Chaplains are members of community churches and represent a variety of denominations.

Parolee Supervision Program

The Fontana Police Department partnered with the Fontana Office of the Parole Department to form the Police and Corrections Team (PACT). PACT’s primary objective is to assist people recently released from prison to become a useful and integral member of the community.

Twice a month, the Fontana Police Department hosts Parolee Orientation meetings. At the meetings the parolees are provided a network of resources to ease their transition back into society. And, if they fail to abide by the rules governing their release; the parolee is often times returned to prison. Officers frequently visit parolees in the form of unannounced home visits. This program also allows the officers to develop a personal relationship with the parolees that they are tasked with supervising. During 2007, there were 24 parole orientations conducted, 723 parolees were oriented, 208 parolees interviewed for crime analysis, 202 parolee house visits made and 121 arrests for parole violations.

Citizen's Academy

The Citizen's Academy is designed to inform the citizens of Fontana on how the Police Department and its various units operate. As a result of the intense learning experience, a partnership between the citizens and the Police Department is built. Administered through the Crime Prevention Unit of the department, the academy includes sessions with law enforcement and judicial personnel on court proceedings, criminal case handling, narcotics, gangs, community service programs, internal affairs, K-9s, and a host of other relevant programs. Practical applications are a part of the training and include station tours and ride-a-longs with both the Air Unit and Patrol Officers.



Crime Prevention Unit

The goal of crime prevention is to reduce the rate of crime in a community through prevention. In order to accomplish this effectively it is important to remove opportunities for a criminal to take advantage of citizens' and their property. The Crime Prevention Unit attempts to educate residents to prevent either victimization or criminalization by presenting an unattractive target to the criminal.



The Crime Prevention Unit is comprised of several different components implemented to educate the community—residents, students, and business owners on safety awareness and prevention of criminal activity. Education is achieved through Police Department hosted community events, the implementation of Police Officer's in our schools and the dissemination of safety brochures and material. The Crime Prevention Unit consists of a Police Sergeant who is also in charge of press relations, eight School Resource Officers, one Fontana Unified School Police Resource Officer and four Community Policing Technicians.

School Resource Officer Program (SRO)

The School Resource Officer Program is made up of nine officers assigned to each middle school in the city of Fontana. This represents three school districts; Fontana, Bloomington and Etiwanda. They are responsible for acting as the liaison between the school district and the city. They develop and implement a variety of programs to benefit the students and their families. They speak on a variety of issues such as crime prevention, drugs, gangs, and the importance of education. In addition to the presentations, they handle the majority of criminal investigations for crimes occurring in the school.

In 2007, there were 84 felony arrests, 399 misdemeanor arrests, 720 citations issued, 33 vandalism cases handled, 147 anger management classes held with a total of 344 students, 500 criminal reports taken, 159 suspensions made and 2,676 students mentored.



Special Olympics Torch Run



Tip-A-Cop Fundraiser for Special Olympics



12th Annual Red Ribbon Breakfast



The 12th annual community "Red Ribbon Breakfast" was held October 23, 2007 at the Sierra Lakes Clubhouse. Retired Santa Ana Police Officer John Reed was the keynote speaker. Fontana Police School Resource Officers joined with their respective school administrators to hand pick 50 students to attend the breakfast with them. The ticket price for these students was donated by local businesses, citizens and service organizations that attended and sponsored students to participate in the event.

Red Ribbon Week is the oldest and largest drug prevention campaign in the country. Red Ribbon Week serves as a vehicle for communities and individuals to take a stand for the hopes and dreams of our children through a commitment to drug prevention and education and a personal commitment to live drug free lives with the ultimate goal being the creation of drug free America.



And, perhaps more importantly, Red Ribbon Week commemorates the ultimate sacrifice made by DEA Special Agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena, who died at the hands of drug traffickers in Mexico while fighting the battle against illegal drugs to keep our country and children safe.

21st Annual Bicycle Give Away

This annual event provides deserving children from low-income families with a bicycle. We believe that every child should experience the thrill of learning to ride a bike. Our recipients are nominated by the School District and screened by Police Volunteers. They are provided with all the needed equipment necessary to ride a bike: helmet, bike license and bicycle lock. In 2007, 50 recipients received new bikes. This event is made possible through generous donations, by local service organizations, churches and private citizens. Thank you to all who participated and helped make this event possible.

13th Annual Shop With A Cop

This event provides deserving children from low-income families with an opportunity to shop for Christmas presents with a Fontana Police Officer. Believing that every child should be provided for during the holidays, this event has become a tradition that is enjoyed by both the children and the officers who participate. In 2007, 50 children were selected to participate in the program, which is funded by the Fontana Police Officers' Association, K-Mart employees, and citizen donations.



5th Annual Fontana Santa's

This event provides deserving children from low-income families with an opportunity to celebrate Christmas with their families. The Fontana Santa's is a citywide toy drive coordinated by the Fontana Police Department in partnership with the Fontana Unified School District, Fontana Police Officers' Association, local churches, local service organizations, and private citizens. All donations are distributed by police officers, accompanied by other city officials, who visit the homes of these very deserving families. Children either living in Fontana or attending a Fontana Unified School District School are eligible for this program. In 2007 over 500 children were provided for.



CPTED - (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design)

The Fontana Police Department evaluates all plans for new construction in the city using the principles of first generation Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design - CPTED - (access control, surveillance, territorial control, and maintenance) as well as second generation CPTED (social cohesion, connectedness, capacity and culture). CPTED involves the design of a project so that it promotes safer more viable communities, while at the same time encouraging people to familiarize themselves with their neighbors and surrounding community. A Community Policing Technician works in partnership with city planning staff to assist developers and citizens in integrating standard security specifications into all new commercial and residential properties within the city.



Citizen Volunteer Program

The volunteers assist with checkpoints, mail delivery, station tours, holiday patrol of shopping centers, vacation patrol, fingerprinting, emergency call outs, and various Crime Prevention Unit duties. They are instrumental in coordinating and facilitating large events such as Shop With A Cop, the Annual Bicycle Give Away, and the Child's Safety Fair. In 2007, there were 10 new volunteers hired, bringing the total volunteers in the program to 61. They volunteered a total of 7,269 hours, processed 173,076 pieces of mail, issued 45 parking citations and drove 3,237 miles for vacation, emergency and routine patrol.



Fontana Police Explorer Post #531



A Police Explorer is a young person who has made a commitment to represent the Police Department as a young professional who has the desire to serve their community and to learn about law enforcement as a possible career.

As a Police Explorer, young members of our community have the opportunity to learn all aspects and functions of the Police Department. The Police Explorer program offers experience working in the records bureau, front desk, detective bureau, traffic enforcement unit, and the patrol division.

Police Explorers are offered various assignments, assisting citizens and working side by side with police officers. After completing a rigorous academy, Police Explorers have the opportunity to learn a patrol officer's function through firsthand experience in the ride-along program.

Police Explorers must be between 14 and 21 years of age and maintain a "C" or better grade point average. They must possess a good moral character and good background. Explorers must attend and successfully complete an approved Explorer Academy within a year of joining the post. In addition to attending weekly meetings, Explorers are expected to volunteer a minimum of 10 hours a month of service.



Eight new Explorers were added in 2007, bringing the total to 32 Explorers. For the year 2007, the Explorers have volunteered approximately 4,000 hours of service to the City of Fontana, and the Police Department.



Special Commendations/Awards and Honors

Employee of the Year

MET Team

Employee of the Month

January

Code Compliance Inspector Luis Tejada

February

Officer Joshua McIntire

March

Sergeant Tom Yarrington

April

Officer Doug Locey

May

Officer Patricia Coyle

June

Officer Rick Lopez

July

Corporal Darren Robbins

August

Officer Gabriel Esparza
Officer Frank Tolerico

September

Officer Jason Perniciaro

October

Officer Peter Ryn
Field Evidence Technician Judy Fontana

November

Officer John MacMillan

December

MET Team

Inland Robbery Homicide Awards

Field Evidence Technician Judy Fontana

Officer Peter Ryn

CVC 10851 Awards

Officer Brian McLane

Officer David Janusz

Officer Tracy Dills

Officer Luis Valenzuela

Officer Nicholas Saddler

Officer Andrew Vestey

Officer Katie Beebe

Officer Julio Landaverde

OTS Award

Mark Durmisevich

63rd Assembly District

Woman of Distinction

Sr. Administrative Analyst Pam Stewart

Dispatcher of the Quarter

January - March

Dispatcher Michelle Plasencia

April - June

Dispatcher Michelle Plasencia

July - September

Dispatcher Jennifer Gimpel

October– December

Dispatcher Kristin Powers

Department Awards

City of Fontana Police and Fire Awards

Excellence Award

Corporal David Moore
Officer Rosalie Garcia
Officer Patricia Coyle



Lifesaving Award

Officer Brian Keyner
Officer Jason Perniciaro



Unit Citation

MAIT Unit (Major Accident Investigation Team)

Sergeant Robert Morris
Corporal William Waddell
Corporal David Lally
Officer Doug Locey
Officer Wayne Blessinger
Officer Steven Reed
Officer Anthony Cafaro
Officer Kirsten Ryn
Officer Christine Billings

