

**CITY OF FONTANA  
FONTANA POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**TO:** All attendees of the Area 2 West Community Meeting

**FROM:** Lieutenant Gary Aulis

**DATE:** August 14, 2014

**SUBJECT:** **AREA 2 WEST COMMUNITY MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 4, 2014**

**Lt. Aulis**

Advised the former Area Commander Lt. Ratcliffe recently retired and he has taken his place.

Has worked 25 years at the police department in numerous assignments to include bike unit, k9 handler, internal affairs and code enforcement.

As an ongoing commitment to the city and in an effort to improve law enforcement services to citizens the area commander program was created. The area commander program was designed to enhance current community-oriented policing methods. The city is broken up into four areas and each of those areas are assigned an area commander to deal with the quality of life issues. If you don't know who to call with a problem in the city you can always call your area commander and he will assist you.

Introductions- Community Services Jenny Espinoza, Public Works Sergio Quioz, Enviromental Services Kim Cameron, and Traffic Engineering Dave Teater.

If you haven't checked out the City of Fontana's Website lately you might want to there is lots of information on the website, such as the Car show which is the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of every month through September and the farmers market which is every Saturday.

The new DMV office opened up today on Foothill and hemlock. The old one is now closed on Merrill.

**Mayor Acquanetta Warren**

- Advised we are living in an exciting times.
- She got an email from four people who said they were not going to come to the meeting because they were happy.

## **Sharon Mitchell-Burrtec Waste Management**

- In 2011, American generated about 250 million tons of trash and recycled and composted almost 87 million tons of this material.
- Average disposal is about 5lbs per person per day.
- The State of California set a goal of 6lbs per person per day and Fontana Residents on average is 3.5lbs per person per day.
- For Employment the goal statewide is 22.5lbs per person per day but in Fontana we average 15.5lbs per person per day.
- Make sure you reduce you waste and compost if possible.
- Reuse products
- Recycle what can be recycled.
- What can be recycled:
  - Fibers-mixed and white paper, card board and news print
  - Glass-bottles and jars
  - Metals- steel cans and aluminum cans
  - Plastics 1-7- water bottles, detergent bottles, packaging and expanding polystyrene
- What is backyard composting- It is organic decomposition of materials (green waste/food waste) into a beneficial amendment to soil.
- Why Compost- easy to do, decreases waste, healthy soils=healthy plants and erosion control.
- Scavenging is against the law if you see anyone going through the bins let Burrtec know and also call the non-emergency police department number to report it.
- Burrtec provides free mulch, it is given away every Saturday from 8am to noon at Public works

## **Lt. Aulis-K9 Program**

- The main reason we use dogs is to sniff out drugs.
- Our K9's are very social.

- They have a strong sense of smell. To give you an example: Chocolate cake, we just smell chocolate cake but the dog will smell the eggs, the flour, the sugar, etc all the ingredients that went into making that chocolate cake.
- They are very disciplined and very dependable.
- Recently dogs have even been noted to smell the body change in a diabetic when their blood sugar is low.
- Fontana Police Department has the largest K9 unit in the county. We have 6 dogs.
- We put two dogs out every day.
- Right now we have 5 dogs that are actually on patrol teams and 1 dog who is assigned to our narcotics unit. We would like to extend that.
- K9 pals are a nonprofit organization which was formed to provide financial support to the Fontana Police K9 unit.
  - Since 1990 they have purchased 15 police canines as well as vital equipment needed to train our dogs.
  - Over the past 3 years the K9 pals have supported the K9 unit's efforts to develop/build a training center which is now in full operation and has served k9 units from all over Southern California.
- The K9 Golf Tournament will be September 12<sup>th</sup> at Shandin Hills Golf Club. This is one of the major fundraising events to help the K9 program.

### **Questions and Concerns of the Residents of Area 2 West:**

***Can Styrofoam be recycled?*** Sharon advised it can be recycled.

***Do residents have to wash out the cans when they are recycled?*** Sharon advised Burrtec does ask you give them a quick rinse to get any food waste off them.

***Can the bags the newspapers come in be recycled?*** Sharon advised Burrtec recommend saving those and taking them into Wal-Mart or a grocery store where they have a recycle bin specifically for plastic bags.

***When the trash cans are placed at the curb are they now the city's property.*** Sharon advised yes once they are placed at the curb they are now the property of the city and Burrtec.

***How do you train a dog to sniff drugs? Do you give him the drugs so he craves it?*** Lt. Aulis advised no we do not. Any amount of drugs given to a dog could kill him. We train them with a toy so they can associate the smell with a reward being his toy.

***If it is raining does that effect the dog's sense of smell?*** It could hinder it a little bit but they will eventually find it.

***Do the officers get to take the dog home?*** Yes they do, the dog is like a part of the family.

***Where do the dogs go when they retire?*** They stay with their current handler. The handler does about 6 or 7 years in this assignment. We have to have handlers with the best judgment

***How would someone get their neighborhood watch signs replaced if they are faded.*** You would need to contact the Neighborhood Watch Coordinator Amber Smith at (909) 356-7171 or at [asmith@fontana.org](mailto:asmith@fontana.org)

***There has been a rash of egg throwing and breaking of car windows between 2am and 6am.*** Lt. Aulis advised he will have to pull the calls for service to see if there is a trend but sometimes people do not report those types of things to us. We have Coplink where you can now file a report online. There is even a kiosk in the Police department lobby which allows you to report a crime.

***Do you ever use the k9's to find missing children.*** We can use them for that but the Sheriff's department actually have a blood hound we would use if we needed to utilize a dog for that matter.

***At Foothill and Mulberry they recently changed the traffic pattern however no signed was put up notifying right turn only lane.*** Traffic Engineering Dave Teater advised he is not sure why that happened but he will check on it.

***When their neighbor waters their grass it floods his area, what can be done.*** You can call Code Compliance however the only problem is they will have to see that it is impacting your property.

***On Foothill and East there is that really pretty waterfall fountain however if you are going east you cannot see it. What can be done to increase visibility?*** The other side of the street is Rancho Cucamonga. We will have to see what we can do to increase visibility.

***On the trail at Foothill and East sometimes there is broken glass on the sidewalk for weeks.*** Sergio Quiroz with Public Works stated the landscapers are supposed to be picking up broken glass. He will make sure they address that issue.

***There are about 8 or 9 dead trees on East Liberty from Banana to Roanoake. Also the sprinklers are watering the street instead of the parkway.*** You can call 428-PARK to report the issues so they can be taken care of.

***Lives on Bennington Court and a No Outlet sign was installed was wondering why that was?*** Dave Teater with Traffic Engineering advised it was probably because it was requested and due to the traffic going into the area.

***He has a cat problem. Cats are getting into this garden.*** Lt. Aulis advised ASO does not trap cats but we do have an agreement with San Bernardino Shelter that you can drop any cats you trap for free.

***People now days don't even do a California stop, they just blow right through the stop sign.*** Lt. Aulis advised if there is a specific intersection and time this is occurring at please email him the information and he can get traffic out at the location.

***Can anyone visit the K9 training center.*** Lt. Aulis advised of course they can.