

**CITY OF FONTANA
FONTANA POLICE DEPARTMENT**

TO: All attendees of the Area 1 West Community Meeting
FROM: Lieutenant Bill Megenney, Area 1 Commander
DATE: February 4, 2014
SUBJECT: **AREA 1 WEST COMMUNITY MEETING MINUTES OF January 13, 2014**

Lt. Megenney

- Welcomed everyone to the community meeting and advised that there were several presentations schedule for the meeting.
- Introduced the following members from City departments in attendance:
Councilmember Wibert and Roberts, Planning Commissioner Matt Slowik, Community Services Victoria Reyna, Public Works Luke Hanes and Sergio, Animal Services Officer Jamie Simmons, FUSD Dennis Barnett and Beth Davidson.

School Police Department- Officer Dennis Barnett

- Primary responsibility of school police is to provide a safe and secure environment for students and staff.
- Also responsible for protecting Fontana Unified School District Property.
- The officers try to build positive relationships with students.
- Current Enrollment 43,000 students and 4,000 employees.
- 29 elementary schools, 7 middle schools, 5 high schools, and 2 alternative/adult education schools.
- The School police consists of :
 - One Chief
 - 16 sworn officers
 - 1 dispatch supervisor
 - 5 full time dispatchers and 3 part time dispatchers
 - 1 Evidence Technician

- 40 District Safety officers
 - 2 Child Welfare and Attendance Liaison
- Coordinator of the Fontana Leadership Intervention Program (FLIP).
- Works in conjunction with the Fontana Police Department.
- FLIP was needed in order to battle a problem with At-Risk students.
- The goal of the program is to make life altering changes in attitude and behavior among these students.
- The program will take any student in the city of Fontana; they do not necessarily have to go to a Fontana Unified School.
- The students in the program are usually referred through probation, a court order, Child Welfare and attendance, through the school site, a school resource officer or a parent or self-referral.
- The program cost \$75-\$25 will be returned to the parent once they complete the parent class, another \$25 will be returned after the student completes graduation and the other \$25 is for the uniform the students wear.
- The course is a 16 week program, classes are held on Saturdays for 8 hours a day. The next class will begin February 15th.
- Class topics include: Gang intervention, traffic safety, financial responsibility, ethics, health and safety, drug and alcohol intervention, lifetime fitness and team work.
- During the course the students take several field trips to the Museum of Tolerance, colleges, County Coroner's office, and West Valley Detention Center.
- Requirements of being in the program
 - Daily Check in with SRO
 - Weekly Progress Reports
 - Weekly parent evaluations
 - Random drug and alcohol tests
 - Periodic home visits
 - Physical Fitness standards
 - Community Service projects
 - Classroom Participation
 - Attendance standards

- Respectful attitude and behavior
- Core values of the program :
 - REACT
 - R-Responsibility
 - E-Education
 - A-Attitude
 - C-Compassion
 - T-Teamwork
- Program motto: Building a shared vision through a FLIP in attitude and behavior.
- In 2012 The FLIP program won the IACP/Motorola Webber Seavey Award which is an award that is presented annually to agencies and departments worldwide in recognition for promoting a standard of excellence that exemplifies law enforcement's contribution and dedication to the quality of life in the local communities.

CERT Program-Ray and Oscar

In today's climate, it is more important than ever that all of us be prepared for possible emergencies. Natural or other disasters can strike suddenly and without warning. The disasters likely to hit this area are fires, earthquakes, mudslides, flash floods among other. Local and relief workers will be on the scene after a disaster however they will not be able to reach everyone. Below are things you need to do in order to get your family prepared for an emergency.

1. Make a plan
 - a. Choose an out of town contact
 - b. Decide where to meet
 - c. Complete a family communication plan
 - d. Escape route and safe places
 - e. Draw floor plans
 - f. Practice emergency drills
 - g. Know how to shut of utilities if needed
 - h. Have working fire extinguishers
 - i. Working Smoke and carbon monoxide detectors
 - j. Inventory all home possessions
 - k. Have vital records and documents in a safe place
2. Building a safety kit
 - a. Water-at least one gallon of water per person per day.
 - b. Food-non-perishable, high protein items
 - c. Flash light
 - d. First Aid Kit

- e. Medications
 - f. Radio
 - g. Tools
 - h. Clothing
 - i. Personal items
 - j. Sanitary supplies
 - k. Money-in small denominations
 - l. Contact information
 - m. Pet Supplies
 - n. Maps
 - o. Sleeping bags or blankets
 - p. Whistle
 - q. Waterproof matches
 - r. Water purification tables
 - s. Side walk chalk.
3. Prepare an emergency food supply
- a. Even though it is unlikely that an emergency would cut off your food supply for two weeks, consider maintain a supply that will last that long. You may not need to go out and buy food to prepare an emergency food supply, as you can use the canned goods, dry mixes, and other staples on your cupboard shelves. Be sure to check the expiration date and follow the practice of first in, first out.
4. If the electricity goes off:
- a. Use perishable food from the refrigerator, pantry and garden etc.
 - b. Use the foods from the freezer. To limit the number of times you open the freezer door, post a list of freezer contents on it. In a well-filled, well-insulated freezer, foods will usually still have ice crystals in their centers (meaning foods are safe to eat) for at least two days. Check to make sure the seal on your freezer door is still in good condition.
 - c. Begin to use non-perishable foods and staples last.

Animal Services Officer Jamie Simmons

- In November, officers responded to a shots fired called, it turned out to be an illegal cock fighting event.
- Cockfighting is associated with many crimes such as illegal proceeds, gambling, illegal narcotics, weapons violations, homicides, domestic violence, child abuse, public nuisance issues as well as public health issues.
- When Animal services comes across cockfighting rings all the birds have to be humanely euthanized because they are trained for fighting and they cannot return to farm life.
- One of the hazards is the exotic Newcastle Disease. In 2002 to 2003 California depopulated 2,662 properties of their birds, 4 million birds were destroyed because of

the virus which was caused by fighting roosters. This cost the state \$160 million dollars to do this.

- The birds can get the disease from direct contact with feces, respiratory secretions, indirect contact through the feed or water or equipment.
- In order to identify fighting birds they will have a different look than a normal rooster because their combs and wattles are cut and removed. Usually the spurs are cut and replaced with a band. Also their tail feathers will be shortened.
- Common things found at a cock fight- Syringes, rooster boosters, boxes, a scale, a score card, and veterinary medicines.
- The fight- Cockfighting seasons runs from November to July. The derby is the most common type of fight in the states. In the derby gamecocks are fitted with either a knife or gaffs.

Trees in the city-Luke Haynes and Sergio Quiroz

- Trees make a positive impact on the city.

Economic Benefits

- Trees are great for saving on energy costs. They provide shade in the heat of summer which means less need for air conditioning. If they are deciduous (meaning they lose their leaves in winter), trees allow for sun exposure during the winter season.
- Trees add to assessed property values, especially mature trees and fruit trees.
- Trees are a good investment because they return more benefits than the cost.

Environmental Benefits

- Trees sustain the long-term environmental health of the community.
- Trees help moderate the effects of our area's harsh climate. They help filter the intensity of the sun and they regulate temperature, wind, and snow and rain.
- Forested areas have less water runoff and erosion.
- Trees provide a natural filter to storm water and reduce flooding.
- Groundwater recharge is enhanced in forested areas.
- Trees improve air quality by absorbing carbon and producing oxygen. Trees also filter pollutants from the air.
- Trees provide habitat for birds and other wildlife.

Community Benefits

- Urban trees make walking places safer as they safeguard pedestrians from traffic.
- Trees provide screening and privacy.
- Trees reduce glare and reflection.
- Trees buffer sound, reducing noise pollution.

Aesthetic Benefits

- Trees add to the beauty and peace of our surroundings.
- Trees contribute positively to our quality of life.
- Trees can serve as a source of community pride.

Health Benefits

- Studies have shown that forested areas like parks can reduce blood pressure and benefit the overall emotional and psychological health of individuals.
- Trees help create recreational areas that can be enjoyed by walkers, runners, cyclists, and more.
- There are 59,300 trees in Fontana, 6900 are palm trees and 9,900 are vacant sites. Each tree is inventoried and a history of each is recorded.
- The trees are on a five year trim cycle, palm trees are done yearly.
- One problem the city has is with the Asian Citrus Psyllid. The Asian citrus psyllid is a small insect that feeds on the leaves and stems of trees. The insect is extremely dangerous because it can transmit a disease that is fatal to the tree, there is no cure and the tree will die.

Lt. Meggeney

- Top 10 calls for service 2013 for Area 1:
 1. Traffic Stops
 2. Extra Patrol
 3. Vehicle Checks
 4. 911W1
 5. Animal
 6. Medical
 7. 415S
 8. 911W2
 9. Suspicious circls
 10. Area Check
- Top 10 calls for service for 2013 for Area 2:
 1. Traffic stops
 2. 911W1
 3. 911W2
 4. Medical
 5. Animal
 6. Disturbance
 7. Vehicle Checks

8. Pedestrian checks
 9. Arrest
 10. Party
- Top 10 calls for the city in 2013
 1. Traffic stops
 2. 911W1
 3. Medical
 4. 911W2
 5. Animal
 6. 415S
 7. Vehicle Checks
 8. Follow up
 9. Extra patrol
 10. Arrest

Questions and Concerns of the Residents of Area 1:

There was no sign out to alert the people of the community meeting. With this being the beginning of the year it could be an oversight we will make sure we have the signs out for the next meeting.

How does someone sign up for CERT? You can get all the information on Fontanapd.org under programs. You can get the application for the class there.

The builders for Centex planted trees but those trees are not desirable trees for the area.

Sergio Quiroz advised when the city does inventory of the trees we will make note of them and if they do not survive in the area we will try to select a better tree to replace it once it dies or the wind knocks it down.

Who maintains the flood control channel. It could be the county but it depends on where it's at because the city does maintain some of them.

Is there any additional information on the possible rape that occurred in the area. Lt.

Megenney advised it wasn't an attempted rape however he did grab her. The suspect in that incident has been arrested.

Are all the marijuana grow houses that are found in the city all related. Lt. Megenney advised he is not sure if they are related.

Has the minimum staffing for officers in the area changed? Lt. Megenney advised there are at least 2 officers in the area at all times. Sometimes there are more due to other units such as the traffic unit or the MET unit could have officers in the area.

**THE NEXT MEETING DATE IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2014 AT D.W. LONG
ELEMENTARY, 5383 BRIDLEPATH DRIVE, FONTANA, CALIFORNIA 92336 AT 6:30 PM.**

PLEASE SUBMIT ANY ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA BEFORE MARCH 24TH TO:

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