

**CITY OF FONTANA
FONTANA POLICE DEPARTMENT**

TO: All attendees of the Area 1 West Community Meeting
FROM: Lieutenant Bill Megenney, Area 1 Commander
DATE: August 12, 2014
SUBJECT: **AREA 1 WEST COMMUNITY MEETING MINUTES OF July 28, 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 Jesse Sandoval, Burrtec Waste Olivia Sanchez, Detective Dave Lally, Sergeant Clabaugh, Traffic Engineering Dave Teater, Planning Commission Larry Meyer, Public Works Sergio Quiroz, Environmental Technician Kim Cameron and Community Services Suzanna Garcia.
- Wanted to do this meeting a little different and start with questions and concerns from the residents then at the end we will do the presentations.

Questions and Concerns of the Residents of Area 1:

Every weekend there is racing on Duncan Canyon. When he calls they ask for a license plate and say they will try to get someone out there. Racing usually happens on Saturday at 1pm and the jeep is back. He also has pictures. Lt. Megenney advised if there are specific times and days this is occurring more often to let him know, we can have traffic do enforcement in the area. Also he would like those pictures emailed to him at wmegenney@fontana.org

Are the trees that were taken down by the wind going to be replaced? He doesn't feel the trees are being replaced in a timely manner. He stated last time it took 4 years. What is the time frame in which they should be replaced? Sergio Quiroz with Landscaping advised we do replanting yearly but right now it is too hot and then we will be going into the windy season so right now would not be a good time to replant trees but they will be replaced as soon as they can be. Public works has a list of all the trees that have to be replaced.

Advised he has talked to several people at the police department and no one knows where he can donate his time. Lt. Megenney advised Water of Life Church is a good starting point. You can contact Linda Burton she is in charge of the Community Assistance program.

Stated next year the mello-roos tax are suppose to go away, was wondering if they will still be on the 2015 tax bill. Lt. Megenney advised he did not know.

Are the police still giving tickets for people who are lighting illegal fireworks. We get calls all year long and if they are caught officers could issue them a citation. This 4th of July officers issued 106 tickets.

Their mailboxes are constantly being broken into, what can be done about that? Lt. Megenney advised it is probably best to take the mail to the post office. These types of thefts are crimes of opportunities.

Who is responsible for the mailboxes? The post office

Is there any update on the off ramp. Traffic Engineer Dave Teater advised there was some problem with the false work and CalTrans didn't feel the contractor planned to remove it safely so they have to come up with another plan and hopefully will be completed in about a year.

In case of an emergency that over pass would help because right now there is only one way in and out of the community. Dave Teater advised that overpass is allowed to be used in case of an emergency.

When should Frontage at Duncan Canyon be complete in a year as well. Dave Teater advised he is not sure but hopefully not that long.

Are no parking signs going to be installed where there are no bike lanes? Dave Teater advised there will be no additional restricted parking in the area other than what is already here.

When will Lytle Creek north of the freeway open? Dave Teater advised it should be opening soon just prior to the bridge opening.

Has a concern with the raised median from Lytle Creek to Sierra, you are not able to turn left. Dave Teater advised center medians reduce the point of conflict and also reduce accidents, which is why it was installed.

Has there been any recent activity in the Water Reservoir? Lt. Megenney advised no there hasn't been much recent activity. We have the helicopter fly over there often

Do we only have one helicopter? Lt. Megenney advised we actually have 3 helicopters and we also contract with Redlands who has a fixed wing air craft.

How can we make fireworks illegal? You would start by writing to your city council members.

On windy days they get everyone's trash and trash cans in their yard, is there anything that can be done about that? Lt. Megenney advised there really isn't much that can be done. He suggested talking to your neighbors. Olive with Burtec advised if it is too windy out you can call for a special pick up that way you don't have to put your trash out or if you get the trash bins in your yard they can pick those up as well.

What is the best number to call when they are getting to race in the area? Lt. Megenney advised that would be our dispatch number at (909) 350-7700.

School will be starting on Monday and it is a constant battle with cars driving northbound in the southbound lanes to get around the traffic. Lt. Megenney advised we can do extra patrol for the first few days, if you need extra patrol later on just call and let us know.

Are speed bumps doable? Dave Teater advised the city has taken a stance against speed bumps due to the liability and they do not do what they are intended for and end up creating more problems than they prevent.

Does the city have any plans for water conservation? That would actually be taken care of by Fontana Water Company which has nothing to do with the city.

Can signs be put up that say "Smile you are on camera" and maybe put up fake cameras in the area? Detective Lally advised lying to the community probably isn't the best idea. Most of the time the violators of the traffic laws are the people that live there in the neighborhood.

What was the reasoning for installing bike lanes? Dave Teater advised the city engineer actually rides his bike in the area plus with the number of bike riders we have in the area it was decided the bike lanes were needed.

Can a sound wall be put up along the 15 freeway? Caltrans is the one who would construct that. You would have to put in a request with Caltrans and the more people who request it the sooner it will get done.

On Cherry just under the 210 freeway there is a 3-way stop. Could a stop sign be placed on Duncan Canyon in order to prevent racing cars? Dave Teater advised the main role of a stop sign is to control the right of way. Stop signs are not good to control speed. There needs to be a minimum traffic volume, site distance problems, a number of collisions, in order to install a stop sign. We can do a study to see if the area warrants a stop sign at the location.

Detective Lally-Fontana Police Department

- He has spent some time in the traffic unit so he knows about all the concerns in the area.
- The traffic officers are on a rotation for each school in the area they try to focus in 15 minute windows before or after school and the officers will ticket everyone they see in violation.
- As for the racing on Duncan Canyon he has spent plenty Friday and Saturdays in that area and he hasn't seen many races. If you can get a license plate of the vehicles we can run them and we can make a visit and advised them.

Burrtec Waste Presentation by Olivia

- 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.

Detective Dave Lally- Police Risk Managment: Preventing Injury/Death

- When are police most vulnerable?
 - Pursuits
 - Near Complete focus: Tunnel Vision
 - Inattention to surroundings
 - Forced to multi-task
 - Inability to completely control pursuit

- Concerns about policy? Following Rules
 - Concerns about outcome
 - High risk and high potential for liability
 - Other concerns
- Traffic Stops
 - Vehicle offset to provide a barrier from the officer and traffic
 - Location
 - Time of day
 - Available backup
 - Occupants of vehicle
 - Critical information; wants/warrants
 - Weapons
 - Violation
 - Police tactics
 - Other?
- Arrests
 - Suspect's criminal history
 - Current mental state
 - Suspect's demeanor
 - Friends, family, others present
 - Location, time of day
 - Weapons, clothing
 - Drugs/5150
 - Backup availability
- Domestic Violence Calls
 - Previous History
 - Primary Aggressor
 - Weapons
 - Drugs
 - Children/Relatives/friends
 - Location
 - Tactics in response; backup, logistics
- KTP/5150
 - Previous history
 - Drugs
 - Violent person?
 - Current mental state
 - Weapons
 - Current situation
- End of Watch factors: Fatigue
 - Not completely focused
 - Preoccupied with other concerns
 - Inattention to detail
 - Just plain tired

- It can't happen to me mentality
- Statistics:
 - The number of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty has increased by 76% over the past four years.
 - 2011-72 police killed
 - An additional 53 officers died in accidents
 - 54,774 officers were assaulted in the line of duty
 - Average age of officer killed in the line of duty is 38 years old
 - Of the 72 slayings
 - 23 resulted from arrest situation
 - 15 were ambushed
 - 11 traffic pursuits
 - 9 tactical situations
 - 2012- 119 officers killed
 - 46 killed by gunfire
 - 21 by auto accidents
 - 6 by heart attack
 - 2013- 106 officers killed
 - 102 were male and 4 were female
 - Average age: 42 years old
 - Average time on 13 years and 10 months.
 - 32 killed by gunfire
 - 14 by heart attacks
 - 26 by automobile accidents
- November 7, 2010 Officer Ryan Bonaminio with Riverside Police Department was killed trying to apprehend a suspect. This incident changed the way officers' deal with situations like that.
- "When a police officer is killed, it's not an agency that loses an officer, it's an entire nation" Chris Cosgriff ODMP

Additional Questions and Concerns of the Residents of Area 1:

Can dog food bags be recycled? Olivia Sanchez advised no they cannot because of the waxy film they have that coats the bag.

Are plastic grocery bags allowed to be put in the blue recycle container? Olivia Sanchez advised yes they are allowed however they suggest grouping them all together because if they are not there is a possibility they could jam up their machines.

Why was the substation closed? There was only a civilian employee at the substation it was not stationed by an officer and when Jesse Turner Center opened they gave us a room there officers are able to do reports in. So the substation at the Kohl's Shopping center was not needed anymore, which save the city money.

How many officers are in the area at all times? Lt. Megenney advised there are 2 officers in the area at all times however we are currently in the process of hiring more.

Are the officer 1 man units? Yes however we do on occasion have 2 man units, such as with the MET officers they usually ride 2 officers to a unit.

How many primary gangs are in Fontana? Probably the only one we have is South Fontana. Most of the gang members we have in the city are transplants from LA. We don't have the problems with gangs at the level that we use to.

How much time does an officer have to get to an emergency? The officer can take however long he or she has to make it to the call safely.

How many officers are in the whole city on a Saturday night? There is probably about 40 officers out on a Saturday night.

Has there been any problems with snakes? There hasn't been anything out of the ordinary.

THE NEXT MEETING DATE IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, October 20, 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 OCTOBER 6, 2014 TO:

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