

**CITY OF FONTANA
FONTANA POLICE DEPARTMENT**

TO: All attendees of the Area 1 West Community Meeting
FROM: Lieutenant Bill Megenney, Area 1 Commander
DATE: October 20, 2014
SUBJECT: **AREA 1 WEST COMMUNITY MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 20, 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: Mayor Acquanetta Warren, Detective Ernes, Traffic Engineering Dave Teater, Engineering Kevin Ryan and Noel Castillo, ASO Vanessa Lopez, Public Works Sergio Quiroz.

Engineering Kevin Ryan

- The Duncan Canyon overpass project is on a stand still.
- The issue is the bridge is low which causes problems with the false work.
- The false work is the temporary structure that is built to support the bridge.
- We cannot use the traditional false work because there isn't enough room according to CalTrans.
- It would have taken 50 freeway closures just to put the false work and then to remove it as well.
- Our next option is to split the freeway and we will be able to use smaller beams.
- We are currently waiting on Caltrans to approve the plan of the split freeway.

Corporal Mike Ernes-SWAT

- He is a member of the Inland Valley S.W.A.T team.
- The Inland Valley S.W.A.T Team is a regional unit comprised of officers from Fontana, Colton and rialto Police Departments. The team is charged with handling complex, critical incidents that exceed the scope of patrol services and specialized units. The Inland Valley SWAT team is responsible for handling all barricaded suspect situations, hostage rescues, high risk arrest, and search warrants, riots, and any situation where specialized tactics, training and equipment are needed to safely resolve a tumultuous dilemma.

- The Inland Valley SWAT team consists of three very important interconnected elements: Special weapons and tactics (SWAT), Crisis Negotiation Team (CNT), and Tactical Dispatch Unit.
- Brought the Bear Cat Vehicle for people to look at. When a call for Swat goes out the swat officers are not usually there within two minutes because they are usually at home. The Bear Cat is available to even patrol officers. They have the ability to drive the vehicle if they need to for any situation.

Questions and Concerns of the Residents of Area 1:

What happens if the plans do not get approved by Caltrans? Kevin Ryan advised we do have alternatives we will be able to submit to Caltrans but as of right now we are just waiting to see if the original plan will be approved.

How come locals cannot drive over the overpass? Kevin Ryan advised that the area is considered a construction zone and it is not safe to use for everyday traffic at this time. However, if there is an emergency it can be used during that time.

What conditions changed that the contractor did not foresee these problems? It was Caltrans who denied the project because they made the restrictions that the traditional false work wouldn't work.

Any chance the contractor is liable for this? It is hard to place blame on anyone at this point.

If the plans don't go how would we get that information to the residents? We will get the information out to the residents at meetings like this. You can also sign up for information on the city's website at <http://www.fontana.org/FormCenter/Engineering-2/Duncan-Canyon-Project-Update-Request-For-48> .

Is there anything that can be done with the stop sign that is under the 15 freeway and the street that goes to Kohls. In the morning it really backs up because everyone has to stop there one car at a time. Traffic Engineering will look into it.

What about opening up Lytle Creek north. That is an alternative and we will look into it. However with the raised median there you are not able to turn left on to Lytle Creek. We took away the left turn pocket there because it was just too dangerous.

Is there a plan for increased patrol when the overpass does open up? Yes we will address that concern when it opens up.

Would like to see more police presence in the area because as of right now they never see any police up in Hunter's Ridge or Coyote Canyon. Mayor Acquanetta Warren advised if you

have a problem you need to let the police know. They do not know what is going on in your area unless you call to report it.

How often is Code Enforcement in the area. Lt. Megenney advised Bob Crosby with Code Enforcement is in the area often. He is the only inspector at this time for area one.

Advised there are still problems in front of the school of people going into the opposite lane of traffic. Could restricted curb parking be implemented? Noel Castillo with Engineering advised he has been having meetings with the principal in order to see what can be done with the traffic issues in front of the school.

Concerns about Halloween and giving out candy. She is afraid they are scoping out her house. Lt. Megenney advised you have the option to give out candy or not to give out candy if you feel uncomfortable opening your door for trick or treaters then sit on your patio or in your garage, however you do not have to give out candy.

Is there a way to get a Neighborhood Watch sign installed at the entrance of the community? Sure in order to receive a sign you need to start a Neighborhood Watch Group. If you would like to start a group please contact Community Policing Technician Amber Smith in order to get that all set up.