

**CITY OF FONTANA  
FONTANA POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**TO:** All attendees of the Area 1 West Community Meeting  
**FROM:** Lieutenant Bill Megenney, Area 1 Commander  
**DATE:** July 30, 2015  
**SUBJECT:** **AREA 1 WEST COMMUNITY MEETING MINUTES OF July 13, 2015**

**Sgt. Imhof**

- Welcomed everyone to the community meeting and advised that there were several presentations schedule for the meeting.
- Advised he is currently the Crime Prevention Sergeant; however, in a couple weeks he will be promoted and will be replacing Lt. Megenney who is retiring. If you have any questions or concerns you a hold of him at Lt. Megenney's old phone number (909) 356-7142.
- Introduced the following members from City departments in attendance: Councilman Jesse Sandoval, Councilwoman Lydia Wibert Salazar, School Board member Matt Slowik, School Board member Jasmine Hall.
- Summer Concerts in the park are Thursday nights from 7-9 pm at Miller Park.
- August 7<sup>th</sup> will be the last car show for the summer
- National Night Out is August 4th

**Officer Rick Bellis-Department of Fish and Wildlife**

- The primary predator type animals in this general location are coyotes, mountain lions, and bears.
- Coyotes-
  - There are more coyotes now than there was in 1800.
  - They now live everywhere.

- They eat livestock, poultry, trash, dog food, berries, foxes, snakes, and rodents.
  - Mainly active during the night. You will probably see them from dusk to dawn.
  - They can weigh up to 45 lbs and they have small pointed ears and are usually gray or brown in color.
  - They breed between February and March, the pups are learned not to fear people.
  - They likely associate people as an easy food source.
  - Will usually go after smaller dogs and cats unless they are in a pack then they will take on a larger dog.
- Black Bears-
    - All bears in California are black bears
    - They occupy all mountain ranges in the state.
    - Usually stand about 5 to 6 feet and can weigh up to 600 lbs.
    - Lives up to 30 years.
    - They are omnivorous and will eat anything and everything
    - They have great vision and they see in color.
    - Their hearing is twice the capacity of a human.
    - Generally solitary animals unless it's a mam bear with her cubs.
    - The state wide bear population is increasing and is currently about 30,000.
    - Be bear aware-do not put trash outside, make sure you wrap food up.
    - It's a people problem not a bear problem.
    - Bears are attracted to anything smelly, such as beehives, orchards, gardens, and livestock.
    - Make sure you securely close locking dumpsters.
    - If you encounter a bear:
      - Do not run
      - Give the bear plenty of room
      - Stand and face the animal
      - Look large
      - Back away slowly
- Mountain Lions-
    - When a lion kills something they will clamp on the back of the head and crush the skull.
    - Males weigh up to 165 lbs and females can weigh up to 100 lbs
    - They live up to 12 years in the wild and 30 years in captivity
    - They hunt but they also kill for the sake of killing, so if you see a freshly killed deer there is probably a mountain lion nearby.
    - Each deer requires 8 to 10 lbs of meat per day.
    - Their diet consists of deer, elk, porcupines, small mammals, livestock, and pets.
    - Avoid hiking or jogging between dusk and dawn.

- If you encounter a mountain lion:
  - Do not run
  - Look big
  - Throw rocks at it
  - Do not turn your back to it
  - Make loud noises
  - If attacked fight back, they are not looking for a fight.
- Do not feed deer. Deer attract mountain lions.
- Do not leave pets outside
- What does the Department of Fish and Wildlife do:
  - Assess potential human conflict
  - Advise on preventative measures
  - Investigate depredation
  - Evaluation of recurrent nuisance activity
  - Respond to public safety incidents, injured or orphaned wildlife
- If they do issue a depredation permit you will need to kill the animal or hire someone to kill them for you.
- Mountain lion attacks on humans are very rare.
- Studies have shown relocation does not help anything it just creates continued nuisance behavior or death of the animal from them trying to return to the area they know.
- In California there are only black bears not grizzly bears. They will not attack a human unless they feel they are in danger or are looking for food.
- If you live in the area where you are visited by deer do not feed them, it is illegal plus deer will attract mountain lions. You can deer proof your landscaping by avoiding plants that deer like to eat. Trim brush to reduce hiding places and do not leave small children or pets outside unattended between dawn and dusk.
- If you see a mountain lion do not approach it, don't run, face the animal and make noise. You want to make yourself look bigger, throw rocks and if attacked fight back.
- Never feed or attempt to tame a coyote.

### **Erik Garwick-Public Works Parks and Landscape**

- The city manages over 23 million square feet (530 acres) of irrigated landscaped area
- 459 water meters
- 489 irrigation controllers
- The city knows how much water to use at a park by figuring out how much water we lost due to evapotranspiration. Then they have to determine which sprinkler system would be better to how many inches of water a set sprinkler at that location can apply to the property.
- The city only wants to apply the amount of water needed, so we created a water budget for each meter.

- The city has programmed the field controllers to come on based on how many minutes it takes to meet the water budget for a particular day.
- To help us manage water we also use GIS technology to create a tool that compares water budget targets to actual water use.
- What can you do as a resident:
  - Visiting your local water agency's website to take advantage of rebates and offers that might be available for residential homes.
  - Follow all drought regulations as described on your local water agency's website
  - Pay close attention to your water usage and minimize water use wherever possible.

**Sgt. Imhof**

- Stats throughout the City of Fontana
  1. 911 Wireless calls
  2. Medical Aids
  3. Animal Calls
  4. 415-fights/disturbances
- Stats for Area 1
  1. Extra Patrol
  2. Vehicle Checks
  3. 911
- Vehicle theft and break ins are a continual problem city wide. If you have a car alarm makes sure you set it. If you see someone in your area you know does not belong there please do not hesitate to call dispatch to have an officer check it out.
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**Questions and Concerns of the Residents of Area 1:**

**What is the status of the mountain lion who attacked the dog in Hunter's Ridge?** About a mile from here a man shot a mountain lion who was attacking his goats. There is no confirmation that this was the same mountain lion however it is highly likely that it was the same one.

**If someone encounters a bear are they supposed to act big?** If someone encounters a bear they should make noise and act big, if they are attacked you have to fight back and fight it off.

**What if the coyotes are not scared of noise?** You have to remove the incentive for them being in your neighborhood. Pick up your pet's food when they are done eating and their water bowl too. Do not leave small pets outside unattended. Never turn your back on them, throw rocks at them if you have to.

**What are the chances of a coyote breaking through a screen door to get food or to get to your pet?** It is not likely they will break through your screen door.

**Where does the city get their water from?** Erik Garwick stated most of the water used is potable however some of the water is reclaimed. The city has changed watering times to follow the water restriction just like everyone else.

**The sprinklers on Bridle Path along Frontage the sprinklers are shooting everywhere and they are on like every day.** Erik Garwick advised the sprinklers should not be on every day they should only be turning on 2 days a week.

**With the new water restrictions are we going to be getting back a refund because we won't be using so much in water costs.** The landscaping maintenance fund only one small part of that goes to the water. That money is used to maintain that specific district and if the money isn't used on water it will be used to maintain the district in another way.

**This was by far the worst year with fireworks.** Sgt. Imhof advised we put out as much man power as we could. We had over 50 officers in addition to our normal patrol officers out the night of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. A couple of years ago there was a vote out there to ban all fireworks safe and sane ones however that vote did not pass. If people are still lighting them off please call our dispatch.

**Statistically when the overpass opens up at Duncan Canyon, how much more crime can the residents of Hunter's Ridge expect?** Sgt. Imhof advised there is no way to know. For sure we will monitor traffic and it is probably unlikely that there will be an increase in crime in the area.

**Thanked Fontana Pd for putting officers at the overpass but thought it might be a better idea for them to have a security guard at the location rather than a police officer.**

**Does the police department do background checks on the people who volunteer for vacation patrol.** Sgt. Imhof advised all of our volunteers do have a background check done. They are good people.

**When they do vacation patrol how often do they go through the neighborhood.** They will patrol the neighborhood at least once a day but could be more just depending on how many are on patrol that day.

**Why can't Lytle Creek Road to Duncan Canyon North be opened.** Dave Teater with Traffic Engineering advised he will have to research that and get an answer for him at a later date.

**THE NEXT MEETING DATE IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, October 5, 2015 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 1, 2015 TO:**

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