

**CITY OF FONTANA  
FONTANA POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**TO:** All attendees of the Area 4 Community Meeting

**FROM:** Lieutenant Escarpe, Area 4 Watch Commander

**DATE:** February 2, 2016

**SUBJECT: AREA 4 COMMUNITY MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 28, 2016**

**Lt. Escarpe**

- Welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- He is the area commander for Area 4. He is also in charge of the Air Support Unit.
- Introductions: Mayor Acquanetta Warren, Sergio Quiroz, Public Works; and Susana Gallardo, Community Services; Sgt Schlotterbeck, Officer Daniel Anderson and Officer Gissel.

**Susana Gallardo, Community Services:**

- The city is starting its registration for the half marathon in June.
- The Fontana Days run Half marathon began back in 1955 with a reported 200 participants. Race founders were unaware that the annual half marathon would grow to include over 2000 participants. The Fontana Days Run provides participants with a safe, festive and well organized event. The annual Fontana Days Run features a Half Marathon, 5k run, 5k race/walk, 5k family fitness walk and a children's half mile dash. Finish line festivities include vendors, exhibitors, entertainment and food.
- Fontana's half marathon Run is known as the fastest half marathon due to the gradual downward slope of the course as well as one of the oldest half Marathons in the United States. There is an elevated drop of 2,125 feet from start to finish and because of this; most participants are able to record their personal record time in Fontana.

**Mayor Acquanetta Warren**

- We held the State of the City address today
- We want to make sure we have a city council member at all the community meetings so we can address any issues the residents may have.
- Applauds our officers for their participation in protecting and helping with the San Bernardino active shooter situation.
- The city of Fontana is serviced by five school districts. We have lots of opportunity in Fontana. We have lots of jobs in Fontana. Our City is Strong.

- The United States Conference of Mayors announced Fontana as one of the winners of the 2016 Childhood Obesity prevention award. Fontana won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Medium city category winning \$120,000 grant.

#### **Questions and Concerns of the Residents of Area 4:**

***She got a letter from Peggy Fonseca in Code Compliance back in November. She advised she left her a message and never heard back from her. Advised she would still like a phone call back.***

Her information was obtained after the meeting and an email was sent to Peggy to call resident.

***There is a huge warehouse going in on Citrus and it is lime green. Are there any restrictions on the colors they paint their buildings?***

Jenny Espinoza from Planning advised there should be in their agreement but she will have to pull the plans to see.

***The city has been digging up all the streets in Southridge, wants to know if they will be repaired.***

Sergio Quiroz with Public Works advised that is for the reclaimed water system and it will be reslurried once the project is completed.

***A lot of the walls throughout Southridge are flacking paint and look horrible.***

Sergio Quiroz advised he will get with her after the meeting to get the areas so they can look into it.

***Advised she lives by Oakpark and the landscape maintenance in the area has really been slacking.***

***There are more and more commercial vehicles parking on the city streets. There is always one that parks across Ruth O'harris Middle School.***

Sgt. Schlotterbeck advised if you call the traffic unit with the specific locations and times the traffic enforcement officer will check it out. Lt. Escarpe advised if they are driving off the truck route unless they are making a delivery they will be issued a citation.

***Is east of Sierra on Jurupa a truck route?***

According to the Truck route Map at <http://www.fontana.org/documentcenter/view/10530> Jurupa east of Sierra is not part of the truck route.

***There is a trucker who lives in the Woodhaven homes who parks on the wrong side of the street all the time.***

If you can provide an address and times it is occurring we can have officers check it out.

***What can Code Compliance do if a vehicle on private property does not run and is dirty?***

That is something Code Compliance can take care of. They will issue a Notice of Violation and either have it removed or repaired.

***What can be done about vehicles parking on the lawn?***

That is something Code Compliance can take care of as well but so can a normal patrol officer.

***Stated one of the reasons he moved to Fontana from Los Angeles was because of the police department.***

***Is the Boys and Girls club open?***

Mayor Warren advised it is opened after school hours. There are two locations in the city of Fontana one at Almeria Middle School and the other is at Southridge Middle School.

***The chief took away alarm response since he is retiring will that come back. Her home has been broken into 16 times and each time officers never responded.***

Sgt. Schlotterbeck advised he did not take it away. It is a verified alarm policy, which means in order for an officer to be dispatched to the call the alarm must be verified either by the alarm company, someone seeing someone break into the house, audio verification through the alarm system, etc.

***Advised she lives near the fire station and the mail has been stolen and was wondering what is the legal limit to where the cameras could be pointed. A neighbor of hers said it can only be on her property and not out into the street.***

Sgt. Schlotterbeck advised there is not limit as long as you are not intentionally violating your neighbor's privacy.

***On the weekends there are car clubs doing donuts in the area. They mostly hang out at the park on Sierra and Jurupa.***

Officer Gissel advised he has spent several hours at that location and hasn't caught anyone. He just hasn't been there at the right time, but when you see it please call our dispatch to let the officers know.

***In regards to vehicle burglaries and stolen vehicles what can residents do to keep their property safe?***

Lt. Escarpe advised you need to pay attention to suspicious people in the area. Do not leave valuables in the vehicle. The Southridge area is constantly patrolled. We allot a certain number of officers to this area and there is usually 3-4 officers at one time.

**THE NEXT MEETING DATE IS SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, MAY 26, 2016 AT  
SOUTHRIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL, 14500 LIVE OAK, FONTANA CA 92337 AT 6:30 PM.**

**PLEASE SUBMIT ANY ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA TO:**

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