

MINUTES

Area 4 Community Meeting

October 18, 2018 6:30pm | Southridge Middle School Area Commander Lt. Ron Koval

In Attendance

Councilmember John Roberts, Councilmember Jesse Sandoval, Parks Community and Human Services Board member Germaine McClellan Key, Code Compliance Peggy Fonseca, , Public Works Martin Celio, Public Works Sergio Quiroz, Public Works Mike Springer, Public Works Rob Rigby, Traffic Engineering Jeff Kim, Cpl. Hale, Officer Pineda, Officer Summers and Cpl. Mike Bernholtz.

Lt. Ron Koval

- Welcomed everyone.
- As part of the ongoing commitment and dedication to the Community of Fontana and in an effort to prove a more effective and intensive police response to specific community needs we implemented the area commander program.
 - The program is assigned a lieutenant per area. There are 4 area within the city.
 - The lieutenant will oversee all the community policing operations in their area.
 - He will monitor crime trends and relevant issues within the area.
 - The Area Commander also acts as a community liaison.
- The Community Meetings are held 3 times a year to provide the community with:
 - The proper way to identify problems
 - Exchange information with the police department and other city departments.
 - Identifying effective long term solutions to issues within the area.
 - Also an opportunity to disseminate information regarding upcoming events.
- For the last 2 months all major crime trends are at or below the normal rating.
- The area for the highest calls for service in Area 4 is at Home Depot. They have had a large number of thefts from the store.
- Last year we responded to 3400 calls for abandon vehicles and only about 13% of them were actually abandoned.

Upcoming Events

- October 20th- Low Cost Vaccinations Clinic at Jesse Turner
- October 20th- 10th anniversary of the Jesse Turner Center
- October 22nd- South Fontana Park Dedication Ceremony 10am 10941 Cypress Ave
- October 23rd- City Council Meeting
- October 26th- Red Ribbon Comedy in the park 5pm to 9pm Miller Amphitheater
- October 27th- Household Waste Disposal event
- October 31st- Halloween Spooktacular Don Day Center 4pm to 7pm
- November 6th- Planning Commission Meeting

- Fontana Police Department's ICAC Taskforce established in late 2015 in order to combat the exploitation of children over the internet.
- The taskforce is comprised of 4 detectives (3 ICAC and 1 PC 290), 3 forensic technicians (2 on scene and 1 FBI) and 1 crime analysis.
- The internet crime against children taskforce network consists of 61 separate taskforces across the nation.
 - This network contains over 3,500 federal, state and local law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies.
- National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC).
 - Established in 1984 as a private non-profit organization.
 - Their mission is to help prevent child abduction and sexual exploitation, help find missing children and assist victims of child abduction and sexual exploitation, their families and the professionals who serve them.
 - Receive reports/tips from electronic service providers (Verizon, google, Instagram etc) and the general public. The reports/tips are then forwarded to the law enforcement agency maintaining jurisdiction.
- Types of investigations ICAC does:
 - CyberTips-NCMEC
 - Patrol Follow-ups
 - Proactive Undercover Operations
 - Proactive P2P Investigations
- Law Enforcement programs identify individuals actively distributing files containing child pornography.
- Who collects child pornography?
 - Mark Salling (Actor from Glee TV series)
 - Mike Skupin (Survivor)
 - Jared Fogle (Subway Spokesperson)
 - But also people like Sex registrants
 - Teachers
 - Elected officials
- With the collaboration of the ICAC affiliates, the public's help, National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and Law Enforcement we are able to put the bad guy behind bars.
- 1 in 7 kids receive some type of solicitation on the internet.
- 76% of kids their first time encounter is online
- 93% of juveniles that meet predators face to face have some type of sexual contact with that person.
- Kids don't always meet the perpetrator online. Only 18% meet the predator online and 25% are family, friends or neighbor of the child.
- Protecting Children Online:
 - Definitions:
 - Cyberbullying- use of electronic communication to bully a person, typically by sending messages of an intimidating or threatening nature.
 - Sexting-sending of sexually explicit photos, images, text messages, or emails by using a cellphone or other mobile device.
 - Sextortion- When someone demands something of value (typically images of a sexual nature, sexual favors, or money) from a person by threatening to release or distribute materials the victim seeks to keep private or (images, videos, emails, and text messages)

threatens to harm family and/or friends by information obtained from the victim's computer unless they comply with demands.

- What is illegal?
 - Anyone sending sexually explicit videos or images containing anyone under the age of 18 years old.
 - Recording or taking photos of anyone under the age of 18, engaging in sexual acts.
 - Uploading or downloading of sexually explicit images/videos to anywhere, even yourself.
 - Asking anyone under the age of 18 to engage in sexual intercourse or sex acts.
 - Asking anyone under the age of 18 to send images or videos of them engaged in sexual intercourse or sex acts.
- Protecting your children online:
 - Set ground rules-Establish basic guidelines like when your kids can go online, what sites they can visit, and how many texts they can send a month, so everyone is on the same page.
 - Know what you're buying- Research before you buy. Did you know that handheld games can connect to the internet or that many laptops have built-in webcams? Understand what technology you're bringing home.
 - Report incidents-If your kids are dealing with cyberbullies or potential predators, report them to the website, cellphone service and law enforcement. (www.cybertipline.com)
 - Monitor:
 - Supervise Internet use. If you can see what your kids are doing, they're less likely to get in trouble
 - Safeguard doesn't always mean safe kids. Installing CIA level monitoring software on your kids' computer doesn't guarantee they'll be safe online. Technology can't replace your time and attention as a parent or guardian.
 - Don't go overboard. It's smart to keep an eye on your kids' social networking profiles, but it is never cool when you post embarrassing messages or pictures to their page.
 - Communication:
 - Talk to your kids; they're not as mysterious as you think. Your kids might not tell you everything, but that doesn't mean you shouldn't ask. Get involved.
 - Challenge them to a duel. If you have kids who like to play video games or computer games, ask if you can play too. When you respect their interest, they're more likely to respect your rules.
 - Don't pull the plug. Taking away your kids' internet access because they've done something wrong doesn't solve the problem. Talk to them about protecting themselves and respecting others online.
- Resources:
 - NetSmartz411 is a parents' and guardians' premier, online resource for answering questions about internet safety, computers and the web.
 - Monitoring Applications for cell phones:
 - TeenSafe
 - Uknowkids
 - WebWatchers
 - @net nanny
 - Monitoring programs for computers
 - SpyAgent

- WebWatcher
- SniperSpy
- Elite Key Logger
- Cyberbullying and sexting example:
 - Hope Witsell was a 13 year old who grew up in Florida. She forwarded a nude photo of herself to a boy she liked. Another girl borrowed the boy's phone and found the image and forwarded it to other students. The image was shared over and over again even to students from other schools. This resulted in Hope being taunted and bullied from her peers at her school. Hope wrote in her journal "Tons of people talk about me behind my back and I hate it because they call me a whore! I can't be a whore I'm too inexperienced. So secretly TONS of people hate me..." When the school found out about the image, Hope was suspended for the first week of her 8th grade year. When she returned to school a counselor observed cuts on Hope's legs and had her sign a "no-harm" contract, in which Hope agreed to tell an adult if she felt inclined to hurt herself. The next day Hope hung herself in her bedroom. On September 12, 2009 Hope wrote in her journal: "I'm done for sure now. I can feel it in my stomach. I'm going to try and strangle myself. I hope it works."
- Report it 24 hour hotline: 1800-THE-LOST (1800-843-5678)

Questions

- **There is a man who brings his big rig to Chaparral Elementary School every day to pick up and drop of his kids.** Lt. Koval advised he will have the traffic unit check it out.
- **With all the new warehouses there is a lot of semi-trucks running red lights, especially on Country Village and Philadelphia around 5am.** Lt. Koval advised we will have the grave yard shift take a look into it.
- **The semi-trucks are not just running the lights at Country Village they are also doing it on Jurupa. On Jurupa there is a light by one of the warehouses on Logistics Way. We have to wait at the red light when they are only able to make a right turn. Is there any way the light can be adjusted allowing traffic to proceed when the other traffic is only turning right?** Jeff Kim with Traffic Engineering advised he will look into it to see if the lights can be changed.
- **Around 7am to 7:30am on Cherry the truck drivers are running red lights going southbound on Cherry to turn on Jurupa and that is the same time kids are walking to school, is there any way to prohibit truck traffic in that area during that time?** Cpl. Bernholtz advised Cherry is a dedicated truck route so we cannot restrict them from using Cherry. However, we can do some cross walk stings like we have done in the past with other areas.
- **At Cherry and Volante, Parents who are taking their kids to school do not come to a complete stop** Cpl. Bernholtz advised there are 54 schools with the same issue around the same times. We rotate through the schools so we will make sure we hit that area to enforce the traffic laws.
- **How many officers are in the area?** Well it depends on the time of day. Traffic Officers are allowed to go throughout the whole city however patrol units are assigned to one area. We generally have 2 to 3 patrol officers assigned to the area with a total of 10-14 patrol officers assigned to the whole city.
- **She has spoken with many residents in the area and one of their main concerns is the greenery at Village Park. Some shrubs were pulled out and never replaced.** Mike Springer with Public Works advised they are currently working on a plan to replace those shrubs. A design is currently in the works for that area.
- **Does the design plan include the Edison Easement? Will there be landscaping in that area from Cherry to Live Oak, it is very dead and dry.** Unfortunately that area is owned by Edison however we do have

a contract to maintain it to make sure weeds are removed but if you want greenery in that area it would be covered by Southern California Edison, the cities responsibility starts at Shadow Park.

- **With all the new warehouses, people who are working at them are speeding in the area going to and from the warehouses. It happens most at Jurupa between Beech and Poplar around 5am.** Lt. Koval advised we will have the traffic unit and patrol look into it.
- **Are there any plans to install a traffic light at Cherry and Village Drive.** Jeff Kim with Traffic Engineering advised in order to get a light at the location there has to be a high volume of traffic plus accidents. Jeff believed there was recently a study done in that area, advised he was going to look into it and contact the resident who asked the question.
- **Speeders are using Canyon Crest as a drag strip, they are also doing donuts there.** Jeff Kim advised if it is happening in the neighborhoods the Traffic Engineering department has a new program called Traffic Calming Program which can come up with a plan to help alleviate those issues. It is a petition based program, you would have to get all the residents to sign a petition in order to get the program started in your neighborhood and we will meet with everyone to come up with different solutions to the problems occurring there.
- **Some residents advised they haven't seen enough patrol units to their liking.** Lt. Koval advised we generally have 2 to 3 units in the area at one time. Usually officers do not go into neighborhoods unless there is an issue there. They mostly try to stay on main streets or focus on areas to do selective enforcement. So if residents aren't seeing them in their area that necessarily isn't a bad thing.
- **The lighting on their street isn't great. It has turned into "lovers' lane", they constantly find discarded needles and paraphilia in the area.** Lt. Koval advised to see him after the meeting to let him know where it is so they can do some enforcement in the area.
- **On Windcrest there is ivy on the walls on the public side. There are rats that live in that ivy.** Mike Springer with Public Works advised that area is currently going through an overhaul and will be trimmed up.
- **Are there any plans to open up Santa Ana /Live Oak so trucks can go through, that would alleviate the truck traffic in that area.** Jeff Kim advised that area is closed off due to railroad tracks that stops at Brown and Strauss, there are no plans of opening that up. However at Philadelphia there are plans to open up that area over the wash to connect the street.
- **There seems to be more homeless in the area. Is there a plan in place to deal with it.** Yes we have our bike unit that is working with the transient population. Our chief just had a meeting with community leaders to try to help and alleviate the problem.
- **Is there still a rule that motor vehicles have to be parked on a paved surface?** Peggy Fonseca with Code Compliance advised vehicles have to be parked either on a paved surface or gravel. It cannot be parked on the grass or dirt.
- **Asked if the residents are responsible for cleaning up the property behind their house along the hill.** Mike Springer with Public works it is the city who will usually clean up the public areas behind the houses along the hill however there is one section of the hills that is currently being protected due to the sand flies that are in the area. Advised to get with him after the meeting in order to figure out where that area is.
- **At the entrance of the new overpass/intersection to the freeway it isn't clear enough with the signs where the entrances are located is there any way to install more signs so people know where they are supposed to enter the freeway rather than**

Next Meeting

January 24, 2019 @ 6:30 pm, at Southridge Middle School (14500 Live Oak Ave)