

**CITY OF FONTANA  
FONTANA POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**TO:** All attendees of the Area 1 West Community Meeting

**FROM:** Lieutenant Bill Megenney, Area 1 Commander

**DATE:** April 8, 2014

**SUBJECT:** **AREA 1 WEST COMMUNITY MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 7, 2014**

**Chief Rodney Jones**

- Welcomed everyone to the community meeting and advised that there were several presentations schedule for the meeting.
- Lt. Megenney is currently the area commander for area 1 but Chief Jones gave him the night off.
- Introduced the following members from City departments in attendance: Planning Commissioner Matt Slowik and Lawrence Meyer, Mayor Acquanetta Warren.

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

- 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 mom 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, 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

## **Officer Barnett-Fontana Unified School Police**

- What is bullying?
  - Bullying is unwanted, aggressive behavior among school aged children that involves a real or perceived power imbalance. The behavior is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated, over time. Bullying includes actions such as making threats, spreading rumors, attacking someone physically or verbally, and excluding someone from a group on purpose.
- Types of bullying-
  - Verbal bullying is saying or writing mean things. Verbal bullying includes:
    - Teasing
    - Name calling
    - Inappropriate sexual comments
    - Taunting
    - Threatening to cause harm
  - Social bullying, sometimes referred to as relational bullying, involves hurting someone's reputation or relationships. Social bullying includes:
    - Leaving someone out on purpose
    - Telling other children not to be friends with them
    - Spreading rumors about someone
    - Embarrassing someone in public
  - Physical bullying involves hurting a person's body or possessions. Physical bullying includes:
    - Hitting/kicking/pinching
    - Spitting
    - Tripping/pushing
    - Taking or breaking someone's things
    - Making mean or rude hand gestures
- What are we doing about it?
  - Safe School act
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- Cyberbullying:
  - Bullying that takes place using electronic technology. Electronic technology includes devices and equipment such as cell phones, computers, and tablets as well as communication tools including social media sites, text messages, chat, and websites. Examples of cyberbullying include mean text messages or emails, rumors sent by email or posted on social networking sites, and embarrassing pictures, videos, websites, or fake profiles.
  - Kids who are being cyberbullied are often bullied in person as well. Additionally, kids who are cyberbullied have a harder time getting away from the behavior.
  - Cyberbullying can happen 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and reach a kid even when he or she is alone. It can happen any time of the day or night.

- Cyberbullying messages and images can be posted anonymously and distributed quickly to a very wide audience. It can be difficult and sometimes impossible to trace the source.
- Deleting inappropriate or harassing messages, texts, and pictures is extremely difficult after they have been posted or sent.
- Consequences- Kids who are bullied are more likely to:
  - Use alcohol and drugs
  - Skip school
  - Experience in-person bullying
  - Be unwilling to attend school
  - Receive poor grades
  - Have lower self-esteem
  - Have more health problems
- Signs to look for:
  - Frightened to walk to school
  - School work is suffering
  - Nightmares
  - Withdrawn
  - Possessions or money is missing
  - Unexplained bruises
- What to do as a parent:
  - Talk to your kids
  - Know what your kids are doing or where they are going
  - Set Limits or boundaries
  - Monitor your child's behavior
  - Let your kids know it's ok to stand up to horrible people

### **Chief Rodney Jones**

- Realignment occurred in 2011 which caused a significant change in the area. 400 people a month had to be released from the county jails to make room for the people who were coming from the state. These people who are released from the county jail get released with no supervision. During the first months of realignment the crime increased 14% however in September 2012 we started out Re-entry support team as well as our Rapid Response Team.
- The people who are being released due to realignment are the people who commit property crimes such as burglary, vehicle theft, etc.
- The Rapid Response Team is made up of four highly aggressive undercover officers who go out and look for the crime trends. In one month they arrested 62 people.

- There will be some changes to the helicopter program. Right now we are currently flying 5 days a week, which is Wednesday through Sunday. We are currently waiting to take delivery of our third helicopter so we will soon be 7 days a week. Getting another helicopter was very expensive, it cost \$1.3 million however not one tax dollar was spent on purchasing the helicopter it was all taken from asset forfeiture. Tax payer money will go to the personnel to fly the helicopter.
- We currently have plans to bring back the Bike Team within the next couple of months.
- We will be getting a 2<sup>nd</sup> Rapid Response Team.
- We had an incident where a Medical Marijuana Dispensary Delivery Service delivered to someone and the delivery person was robbed. At one time we had 18 Medical Marijuana Dispensaries in Fontana however the city council took a stand against allowing such a business in the city of Fontana and the last one recently closed up.

**Questions and Concerns of the Residents of Area 1:**

**Can bears climb over a block wall?** Yes they can. Bears are excellent climbers.

**Why can't a wild animal be relocated to another area?** Warden Bellis advised if the animal causes harm or displays unusual bold behavior we cannot relocate them because they will just cause the same problem somewhere else.

**If there is a mountain lion in your backyard attacking your animal can you shoot it?** Warden Bellis stated there is no fish and game regulation prohibiting that.

**What other animals are in this area?** Warden Bellis stated that there are sheep in the area.

**Do Mountain Lions reproduce in large amounts?** Warden Bellis stated they usually only have one to two cubs a year.

**Advised she has lived in the area for three years and has sent a letter to the city requesting a stop sign at Bridle Path and Hunt Master going east and west but no stop sign has been put in.** Mayor Acquanetta Warren advised we can officers do a speed check. Sometimes stop signs are not a safe thing to install. There needs to be an evaluation done in that area to determine if stop signs are suitable. Chief Jones advised the resident to send him the information and he will check into it and make sure it gets addressed.

**When will the Duncan Canyon Interchange open up?** It should be opened October of this year.

**If the area is going to be more residential maybe a satellite police station can be put in the area.** Chief Jones advised we will look into that.

**We need more police officers.** Chief Jones advised in the 2014 budget we got all 14 positions we requested in the city budget.

**When is it wrong to “kick someone’s ass” if they take something from you.** Officer Barnett advised because whoever is fighting can be issued a citation.

**What can be done with people who cook up the goodies for medical marijuana dispensaries at the home?** Chief Jones advised if they have a doctor’s recommendation they are allowed to keep 6 plants, however if they are doing it to sell at a medical marijuana dispensary they will need to have their business license and the city would not issue business licenses for that purpose. Medical Marijuana dispensaries are a for profit company however by law they are not allowed to sell it but only asked for a reasonable amount of donation.

**What is the city’s position on the Open Carry Permits?** Chief Jones advised the Open Carry law has changed. If you live in a city, the Chief of Police can issue a concealed weapons permit for “good cause”, however it turns out it is a violation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment according to the 9<sup>th</sup> circuit however 90% of their decisions are usually reversed.

**Are there any issues with residential burglaries?** Chief Jones advised there is nothing abnormal with residential burglaries at this time. The common residential burglary occurs during the day, someone could possibly knock on your door to see if anyone is home if no answer they break in, so you want to make sure even if it’s yelling through the door make it known that you are there.

**THE NEXT MEETING DATE IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, July 28, 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 July 10, 2014 TO:**

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