

**CITY OF FONTANA
FONTANA POLICE DEPARTMENT**

TO: All attendees of the Area 4 Community Meeting

FROM: Lieutenant Stover, Area 4 Watch Commander

DATE: FEBRUARY 4, 2014

SUBJECT: AREA 4 COMMUNITY MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 16, 2014

Lt. Stover: astover@fontana.org 909-350-7707

Out sick

Lt. Megenney

- Welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- Explained that he is the Area Commander for Area 1 and is covering for Lt. Stover who went home sick. Explained that she is the Area 4 Area Commander.
- Present at the meeting was Mayor Warren, Councilman Sandoval, Chief Rod Jones, Noel Castillo, Traffic Engineering; Dave Teater, Traffic Engineering; Lauren Popescu, Traffic Engineering; Sergio Quiroz, Public Works; Ted Porlas, Code Compliance; Shawn Kazmi, Community Services; Cpl. Schlotterbeck and Officer Gissel, Fontana Police Department Traffic Division

Code Compliance-Ted Porlas tporlas@fontana.org

- Code Compliance's primary function is to enforce city ordinance, uniform housing code, electrical code as well as zoning and land uses.
- The unit has 8 field inspectors and 1 support personnel.
- Weed abatement is done in April and October. At that time, 76,000 parcels are surveyed.
- On a normal day, field inspectors do about 20 stops from complaints received.
- The unit handles about 8500 cases a year, not including weed abatement.

- The Code compliance unit's operating costs are \$2.1 million and \$1.7 million was recovered from Code Compliance cases.

Community Services-Victoria Reyna vreyyna@fontana.org

- Community Services provides services to the community in way of recreational activities, classes and other types of City events.
- Every Saturday from 8am to 1pm there is a farmer's market.
- Would like to encourage everyone to visit the Don Day Community Center.

Animal Services Officer Jamie Simmons jsimmons@fontana.org

- In November, officers responded to a shots fired call, it turned out to be an illegal cock fighting event.
- Cockfighting is associated with many crimes such as illegal proceeds, gambling, illegal narcotics, weapons violations, homicides, domestic violence, child abuse, public nuisance issues as well as public health issues.
- When Animal services comes across cockfighting rings all the birds have to be humanely euthanized because they are trained for fighting and they cannot return to farm life.
- One of the hazards is the exotic Newcastle Disease. In 2002 to 2003 California depopulated 2,662 properties of their birds, 4 million birds were destroyed because of the virus which was caused by fighting roosters. This cost the state \$160 million dollars to do this.
- The birds can get the disease from direct contact with feces, respiratory secretions, indirect contact through the feed or water or equipment.
- In order to identify fighting birds they will have a different look than a normal rooster because their combs and waddles are cut and removed. Usually the spurs are cut and replaced with a band. Also their tail feathers will be shortened.
- Common things found at a cock fight- Syringes, rooster boosters, boxes, a scale, a score card, and veterinary medicines.
- The fight- Cockfighting seasons runs from November to July. The derby is the most common type of fight in the states. In the derby gamecocks are fitted with either a knife or gaffs.

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City wide stats

- Vehicle burglaries are down 10%
- Grand theft is down 30%
- Robberies are down 51%
- Residential burglaries are down 56%

Area 4 crime stats:

- Vehicle burglaries have increased from 30 to 36

Questions and Concerns of the Residents of Area 4:

Can anything be done about cars leaving oil on the street?

Ted Porlas advised there is nothing Code Compliance can do because Code Compliance only deals with private property matters.

Are the warehouses going in going to be manufacturing products?

Ted Porlas advised he does not know but if the city zones that area for that then they will be able to do that at the location. Ted Porlas advised he was not sure what the current zone for the area was off the top of his head, but advised that not every development that comes into the city needs city council approval if it's in the properly zoned area.

At Cherry and Live Oak there has been a lot of accidents, would it be possible to have a designated left turn light?

Lauren Popescu with Traffic Engineering we will have to do a traffic study at that location to see if it warrants a left turn signal.

What is happening with the toll project on the 10 freeway?

Councilmember Michael Tahan stated we do not like the idea of the toll on the 10 freeway, we are fighting it in Fontana. They will need to compensate the city for more police and fire services because when the freeway gets congested with traffic they will get off the freeway and use city streets to get around the traffic which will cause more traffic within the city and possibly more accidents.

**THE NEXT MEETING DATE IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, April 17, 2014 AT
SOUTHRIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL, 14500 LIVE OAK, FONTANA CA 92337 AT 6:30 PM.**

**PLEASE SUBMIT ANY ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA BEFORE April 10th
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