

**CITY OF FONTANA  
FONTANA POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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

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

**DATE:** August 25, 2015

**SUBJECT: AREA 4 COMMUNITY MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 30, 2015**

**Lt. Escarpe**

- Welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- He is the new area commander for Area 4, which is everything south of the 10 freeway.
- He has 27 years police experience and is currently the Watch Commander on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.
- Introductions: Mayor Acquanetta Warren, Councilmember John Roberts, Community Services Jenny Espinoza, Public Works Sonia Montgomery, Accounting Manager Dawn Brooks, and Healthy Fontana Rebecca Ramirez

**Healthy Fontana Rebecca Ramirez**

- Informed every one of the new Farmers Market in Fontana at the Don Day Neighborhood Center. Every Saturday from 8am to 1pm.
- There will be a free Zumba class offered at the first Farmers Market at the Don Day Neighborhood Center.
- If you take the post card announcing the Farmers Market you can receive a free gift.

**Mayor Acquanetta Warren**

- Thanked everyone for showing up. Advised she couldn't stay long but appreciated everyone showing up for the meeting.

**Account Manager Dawn Brooks**

- Mello Roos for the area is \$752 per residence. The fee is part of the taxes paid on each property.
- When the city receives these funds they are put into a separate accounts.
- It funds police, fire, and parks and landscaping services.
- The three accounts it is divided within are the CFD Fund which is for the parks and landscaping for the area, the Police Department portion is put into the general fund and then the fire is put into the fire fund.

- The city gets about \$5.6 Million and we spend pretty close to every penny of that. We make sure that we do not collect more than we actually need.

### **Lt. Escarpe**

- Stats for Area 4
 

	2015	Average	+/-
○ 459 Commercial (burglary)	5	7	-
○ 459 Residential (burglary)	28	24	+
○ Vehicle Burglary	37	30	+
○ Grand Theft Auto	58	37	+
- The issue we are having are with Vehicle Thefts. We suspect it is outsiders who are coming into our city to steal vehicles because the majority of them are being recovered in Riverside area. It is an ongoing issue that we are working on.

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

#### ***How many farmers will be at the Farmers Market at Don Day?***

There are currently 13 confirmed farmers who will be there.

#### ***With the funds from the Mello Roos are there any plans to fix Cherry.***

Dawn Brooks advised she does not know what the actual plans are for the money but that would be something Public Works might be able to address.

#### ***Does some of the mello roos go to the Colton School District?***

None of the CFD goes to the Colton School District.

#### ***There are plants in the center divider along Jurupa, is the money from the mello roos used to maintain that.***

Yes that would be something that money goes to, to maintain.

#### ***Where she lives, she was told the mello roos ends in 12 years, is that true?***

If there is a bond on the property then yes it will eventually end, however, any maintenance part will continue.

#### ***Do all CFD's include Police and Fire Service or is Southridge the only one paying for that.***

Southridge is the only one who has it specifically in the mello roos however different areas has been paid up front by the developer.

#### ***Since Southridge is the only CFD that pays for Police and Fire are there more resources in the area.***

No, the only difference is for other areas is the law changed by the time they were developed so the CFD's are structured different and the police and fire are usually paid up front from the developer.

#### ***Are the thefts occurring more in the shopping centers or in residential areas.***

It is all over. They are mainly targeting Hondas and older trucks.

#### ***How many vehicles are actually recovered?***

We don't have a specific number. However, the majority of vehicles that are stolen are recovered.

***They recently moved to Fontana from Chino. Their home is up to Jurupa and people are making it their personal raceway at Jurupa and Volante.***

Kids find a place they are comfortable with and they will take their chances. We had patrol officers in that area before and we have towed vehicles and given out tickets. We will get some extra patrol out in that area again.

***How many officers are in the area?***

Fontana is 56 square miles, so there is a lot of area to cover but we normally have 2 patrol officers in the area each shift but that is not including officers from other special units such as traffic, MET, Narc's, etc.

***There is a lot of graffiti at the park at Poplar And Citrus.***

We have a program called Graffiti Tracker so if you see graffiti in the area, please call (909) 350-GONE or use the Access Fontana App to turn in the graffiti and it will be removed within 72 hours.

***Does Fontana have a gang problem?***

No we don't have a gang problem. We do have gang members who live in the city.

***Is the city making money off the BMX races?***

No, we usually only get a payment for the permit process.

***The BMX races are destroying the hills and it also creates a traffic problem at Long View and Canyon Crest. They are doing races more than 20 times a year.***

They are only supposed to be holding the races twice a year. It could be that people are coming to the hills to practice. We will try to monitor the traffic issues in the area and Bianca Morales with Community Services would be the one to contact regarding the BMX races. Her phone number is (909) 349-6946.

***Who patrols the hills: there is illegal dumping occurring there?***

The officers do not go into the hills but we have our air support unit who flies over it all the time.

**THE NEXT MEETING DATE IS SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2015 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:**

Amber Smith  
Fontana Police Department  
17005 Upland Avenue  
Fontana, California 92335  
(909) 356-7171  
Email: [asmith@fontana.org](mailto:asmith@fontana.org)