

MINUTES

Area 3 Community Meeting

November 15, 2018 6:30pm | *Palmetto Elementary School* Area Commander Lt. Keith Zagorin

In Attendance

Corporal Michael Bernholtz, Officer Garrett Gooselaw, Yukiko Springer(Community Services), Jeff Kim-Sr. Civil Engineer(Traffic Engineering), Mike Springer(Public Works), Robert Rigby-Utility & Streets Supervisor,

Lt. Keith Zagorin

- Thanked everyone for coming out tonight
- Introduced Cpl. Bernholtz
- Introduced Officer Gooselaw
- Went around the room and had each individual from each of the city departments introduce themselves.
- Opened the room to questions from the citizens.

Questions

1. Area of Hawthorne-Citizen had concerns regarding neighbors throwing parties and the guests leaving beer cans and trash on the street and in front of his residence. He asked what he should do in regards to calling the police? Should he call when the party is over and the guests are leaving the party?
 - Lt. Zagorin advised that it is best to call prior to the ending of the party.
 - He addressed the Social Host Ordinance and how a party can violate the ordinance and that it can be addressed with the homeowner/tenant.
 - Citations can be given for music and trash if it violates any of the ordinance.
2. Valencia/Laurel-Gates were recently placed around the apartments. This has caused people to park on the residential streets in front of mailboxes and sometimes prevents the residents from receiving their mail as it cannot be delivered.
 - Per Jeff w/traffic engineering-Residents can contact USPS in regards to their mail not being delivered. If it is unsafe for the driver to deliver the mail then USPS can contact traffic engineering and then they can paint the area/curb red.
 - Lt. Zagorin advised in regards to this that the red curb would also apply to the resident not being able to park in this area either.
3. Alder-Proximity of Marygold/Valley-Cars are being parked on the street with for sale signs. Also a problem on Palmetto.
 - Per resident-Contact DMV licensing unit on Hospitality Ln in San Bernardino and advise them of this information and they will conduct their own investigation. They can determine if this is illegal and are able to cite the party.
 - Per Zagorin he will drive by the areas to observe the vehicles being parked in the area and he will look into contacting the DMV regarding this.

4. 10656 Giuliano Place-Citrus/Fontana area-Re-stripping was completed on the street however when it was done it caused the turn lane to be directly in front of oncoming traffic, concerned as it could be a safety issue.
 - Per Jeff-he will be collecting the address/contact information for the RP and will be bringing this information before the traffic engineering department to address this issue. He stated that the restriping should have remained the same and nothing should have been changed or altered.
5. 9096 Citrus-Neighbor addressed her concern over the residents of this home selling items out of their garage/home, ie. Mattresses, statues, etc.
 - Neighbor also advised that she is concerned that the residents are adding on to the house and then sub-renting rooms to other people. She stated that the home is listed as a 5 bedroom/2 bath home but that they are more rooms added and would like this information given to code to follow up on.
 - Lt. Zagorin requested for her to leave her contact information so that he can follow-up regarding this location.
6. Dolores Huerta International Academy-Residents are concerned about vehicle violations that are occurring during drop-off/pick-up around the school.
 - Cpl. Bernholtz advised that Officer MacMillan and Officer Johnson with School PD are actively assigned and working this location.
 - Same problem was brought up for school located on Laurel
 - Cpl. Bernholtz advised that currently Fontana PD is conducting at least 5-6 special enforcement details around the schools during the week. It was expressed to the residents that it is difficult to have an officer at each site when all of the schools are getting out at the same time all over the city and in addition to all of the calls for service that are received.
7. Alder/Merrill-Residents brought up the idea of the City purchasing the land in this area to create a parking lot to help alleviate traffic/congestion within the area.
 - Per Lt. Zagorin this would be something that would need to be brought up with either city council, school board meeting or the planning committee. This types of items are out of the control of Fontana PD.
8. Lt. Zagorin-FBI Stats
 - Stats were gathered and compared to surrounding cities including Colton, Ontario, Rialto, Rancho Cucamonga and Fontana.
 - For property related crimes Fontana was in 2nd place and Rialto was 1st as being the lowest percentages.
 - For violent crimes Fontana was also 2nd place next to Rancho Cucamonga being 1st for the lowest percentages.
9. Increase in Package thefts and tips to prevent these thefts.
 - Lt. Zagorin-Advised to contact Postal service to delay package delivery/hold packages while out of town.
 - Suggestion to have cameras that face the street.
 - Suggestion to make sure and take the mail out of the box daily.
10. Tips for preventing theft from vehicles/while shopping.
 - Don't leave valuables in cars, always lock the car doors.

- Women-While shopping never leave purses wide open in the shopping cart.
- Never leave purses unattended in the shopping cart.

11. There was a question that had been brought up at a meeting for traffic engineering-Jeff Kim would be contacting the residents after the meeting to discuss this.

12. Randall/Fontana-9394 Lime Ave-Question asked regarding why only one side of the street is always being cleaned and fixed but nothing is ever done on the other side of the street.

- Per Robert with Utilities and Streets-The other side of the street is county area and the county is responsible for servicing that side of the street.
- Same question relayed a question over who to call when there is a problem. They live on the county side of the street but sometimes the Sheriffs don't respond out. Another issue is when there is a problem on the other side of the street and they call in but are given the go around because they don't live on the City side of the street but yet the problem is on the City side.
- The 9394 Lime address is constantly having problems, police are always being called on the resident.
 - Officer Gooselaw-Very familiar with the resident, has been out to the location multiple times. The problem is that the house has a fence, unable to make entry when the gate is closed and there is no probable cause to enter.
 - Neighbor-Indicated that he has cameras on his property and he has footage of the residents hiding things in his yard. He has eucalyptus trees on his property and they would hide items underneath the trees, he has since trimmed around the tree leaving nowhere for them to hide items.

13. Laurel/Athol-People hiding things in the bushes then other people are coming by later and grabbing items from those bushes.

- Advised that new laws have changed regarding narcotics which have minimized the penalties for drug offenders.
 - Previously offenders were sent to prison for 16 months and now they are typically cite released.

14. What is the City's stance on all the abandoned homes?

- There has been a vacant home on Ceres for approximately 10 years. Why hasn't the city taken it over or done something with it? There are constantly squatters and the police/code have come out.
 - Transient problems-PD is trying to work with the DA's office on getting them to file on offenses.
 1. Problems with the transients exposing themselves-A police officer cannot be a victim, must have a citizen that is the victim and desires prosecution. Must be willing to testify in court as well.
 2. 1st offense=Misd.
 3. 2nd & + is a Felony
 4. Currently the PD is working on a plan to help them seek help with the help of the local chaplains to help convince them.
 5. Gooselaw-Most of the time services are offered however they are often declined.

15. Consensus of the Meeting-Residents are requesting that something be done at the DA's office. Asking for the Lt. to contact the DA's office on their behalf to express this.
 - Request was made to contact the DA's office and ask a representative to attend a future meeting to let them hear their concerns and have an opportunity to ask questions.
16. Why are the parks in N. Fontana nice and clean versus the parks in S. Fontana?
 - There is a disadvantage because S. Fontana is older than N. Fontana, the technology has changed a lot over the years.
 - S. Fontana does have an advantage however as far as having more officers assigned and faster response times.
17. 9455 Acacia-Homeowner states that there is a home with squatters on her street.
 - Lt. Zagorin stated he would check on this location and forward the information to code to follow-up.
18. Residents wanted to confirm if Lt. Delatorre could pass on all of his files that he kept about all of the residents and the issues that they brought up to him?

Meeting adjourned -07:40pm
