

MINUTES

Area 1 Community Meeting

July 14, 2022 6:30 PM | David W. Long Elementary School Area Commander Lt. Carlo Granillo

In Attendance

Lt. Carlo Granillo, Mayor Acquanetta Warren, City Councilmember Phillip Cothran, Landscape Technician Jose Orozco, Traffic Engineering Dave Teater, Public Works Shawn Matejcek, Secretary Noely Santoyo, Secretary Anabelle Monroe, Code Compliance Supervisor Ryan Hale, Code Compliance Inspector Miriam Varela, PD Volunteer Blaine Lincoln, Community Services Celest Sanchez

Lt. Carlo Granillo

- Welcomed everyone to the Area 1 Community Meeting.
- A PowerPoint was prepared, however since we can't get in the building we will be staying outside and move forward on the meeting without it.
- Phillip Cothran is the District 1 representative and he is here to answer any questions you have about the neighborhood and ongoing projects.
- He has been with the police department for 21 years in November but has been in Law Enforcement for 29 years. Originally came from Colton and moved laterally.
- Mentioned his family is from Fontana.
- We have many officers who are committed to the City of Fontana because they live here.
- The city is growing and there are openings in all departments.
- When he started, the City had a population of 50k. It is now 235-240k people. Daily we service 300k people including all of the facilities and Kaiser Hospital. The intersection of Sierra and Valley can get 40k cars per day.
- The mayor stated these meetings started because they wanted to talk about landscape issues and now they are a time to talk about community issues. We live here and we want nice things too.
- Fontana has 48 parks and 2 more on the way.

Events

- Upcoming event: Healthy Fontana – Fontana Walks, 5th year. So far we have taken 11 billion steps.
- Our 4th of July event had over 8k people and there were zero incidents.
- Upcoming event: Mayor's Education Coalition this Saturday for parents of high school seniors at Chaffey College (Fontana campus).
- Hunter's Ridge Park on July 16: The Huge Band and the movie Luca. 5-9:30 PM.
- Fontana Arts Festival on July 30: It is at the Art Depo
- The 4th of July event 2022:
 - Calls for service for fireworks this year was down: 623 calls last year and 429 calls this year.
 - Mostly areas 2 and 3.
 - Peak hours: 8 PM – 11PM. 200 calls for service happened in this time.
 - Offer Up: We have special units who monitor the app to catch people selling illegal fireworks.
 - 15 sting operations this year: 10 people arrested, seized over 800 pounds of illegal fireworks, 0 officer complaints, and 0 uses of force.

- The mayor stated they might move the 4th of July event to the 3rd due to staffing. The event requires a lot of staff and the calls for service in the city were also heightened.

Traffic

- We have been having intersection takeovers and street racers which have lead to street racer details. They are 2-4 officers during peak times. We follow social media to try to follow when meetups are happening.
 - March 24th: 21 citations, 1 vehicle impounded.
 - March 19th: 27 citations, 3 parking violations, 3 vehicles impounded.
 - April 16th: 16 citations, 2 vehicles impounded.
 - May 9th: 15 citations, 1 vehicle impounded.
 - CHP has a street racing detail and the vehicle was given to them due to how many illegal edits it had.
- DUI Checkpoint:
 - July 9th: Citrus and Hawthorne. 1,300-1,400 vehicles passed through, 66 vehicles pulled over for a secondary inspection, 2 were arrested for DUI, 1 firearm was collected, 3 people were arrested for warrants, 57 citations issued, 19 vehicles impounded, and of those 19, 14 were released back to their registered owners.

Ghost Guns

- Ghost guns: Who knows what they are?
 - They are non-serialized weapons. You can 3d print them or purchase separate parts to build them.
 - In 2021, Fontana PD seized 834 firearms.
 - So far this year, 527 firearms have been seized and we are projecting to seize 1,200-1,300 by the end of the year. Of the 527, 388 were handguns, 139 were rifles, and 240 were ghost guns.
 - Talked about gun safety. If you have a gun be safe with it and take the mystery out of it with the people you live with.
 - It would be nice if ATF would send reminders to people and their families that they own guns to make sure they are still accounted for and all is well with them.

Questions

- **Can you all introduce yourselves?** Introductions by city employees were made.
- **What is an illegal firework?** Anything that shoots up.
 - **I saw those and I saw cops around. How do we stop them?** I can't speak to that specific incident as to why the officers were there. Historically we act proactively. We get call after call about fireworks during this time, but have to witness them doing it. If we go to a house, we have to catch them with it before we can cite or arrest them and there are fines as well.
- **Can we go after all of vehicles with modified exhaust? Yes and it usually leads to us finding other problems, such as weapons.**
- **What can I do about my neighbor draining their pool into my yard?** Refer to Environmental, question handled by Code Compliance.

Next Meeting

November 10, 2022 @ 6:30 PM at Sierra Lakes Elementary School