

MINUTES

Area 2 Community Meeting

July 21, 2022 6:30 PM | *Heritage Intermediate School* Area Commander Lt. Adam Clabaugh

In Attendance

Lt. Adam Clabaugh, Landscape Technician Martin Celio, Traffic Engineering Dave Teater, Public Works Shawn Matejcek, Secretary Anabelle Monroe, Code Compliance Supervisor Ryan Hale, Code Compliance Inspector Maria Gonzalez, Community Services Celest Sanchez

Lt. Adam Clabaugh

- Welcomed everyone to the Area 2 Community Meeting.
 - He has been a police officer for 25 years and has worked at 3 different agencies.
 - He worked area 2, went to Special Operations, and is now back in area 2.
 - Burglary calls for service have gone up, specifically for commercial businesses along Baseline and Foothill.
 - Winco is one of the biggest calls for service.
 - If the victim or business does not desire prosecution, we can't do anything.
 - Street racing is still present in the area.
 - Mostly car clubs and kids hanging out.
 - We have special details set up and officers write tickets.
 - A lot of the meet ups don't post on social media as much as they used to because they know we look out for them.
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Events

- 4th of July:
 - Calls were down from last year. Firework calls: 429 this year vs. 623 last year.
 - Majority of calls were beats 2 and 3.
 - 15 undercover operations occurred before the 4th of July. We cited 10 people and seized 800 lbs.
 - There was less man power this year because they had to staff the firework show, which had at least 7k people.
 - There were no big fires or injuries.
 - National Night Out – August 2nd
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COPE – CPT Jacqueline Ayala and Officer Steven Reed

- CPT Jacqueline Ayala has been with the PD for 17 years and 24 years for Officer Steven Reed.
- COPE used to be Crime Prevention, not it is Community Outreach Public Engagement.
- COPE handles social media, Coffee with a Cop, Dr. Seuss readings, playdates with cops, National Night Out, school engagement, and runs the explorer program.
- Jacqueline Ayala: Citizens Academy, next one is in September and registration begins in August.
- Amber Smith: National Night Out, which promotes police relationships with the city.
- Heather Howard: car seat installations.

- Volunteer unit: For those 21 years and older, they help with events, road closures, call outs, citizen academy paperwork, and write parking citations on abandoned vehicles.
- FLIP: This program is for kids to learn skills and work on job applications. There is a dedicated FLIP officer and some of the kids in the program are there because a judge ordered them to participate.
- Explorers: Kids who are interested in law enforcement.
- Holiday Toy Drive: This is a program that is partnered with the school district to identify families in need. Toys are donated and are then given to the families.
- There is also a holiday bike drive.
- Love our Veterans: A shopping trip with Veterans that occurs around Valentine's Day.
- Special Needs Resource Fair: We just had our first one and it was successful. This will become an annual event.
- Shop with a Senior: Shopping trip for seniors around the holidays.
- Neighborhood Watch: Organized by Amber Smith. Contact her to get involved.
- School career days.

Questions

- **Does neighborhood watch have different areas?** Yes. Different areas have different presidents. Contact Amber to sign up.
- **Do we need a wall around our property to stop someone from trespassing?** No. If someone is on your property and you tell them to leave, and they come back then it is considered trespassing. The only thing is if they are standing on the sidewalk because that isn't private property.
- **How many transients are in the city?** We aren't exactly sure. A count was done, and the results were "100" but we know there are much more than that.
 - Transients are our #1 call for service, and we have a team specifically for them. It has a sergeant, a corporal, and 6 officers. They are a busy team and the Chief has talked about expanding it. The team also has 2 paramedics, SWAG (helps with housing), and COAST to help them.
 - We have 17 officer vacancies and if we can get them filled some could help the team.
 - 90% of transients have mental problems.
- **Are you monitoring the PET?** We are working on getting off road vehicles that can go around the stanchions that were placed there.
- **Why can't you get the 17 people hired?** Because we are picky and want to make sure we are hiring good candidates. Many people don't want to be cops anymore.
- **Citrus has northeast and southeast growth. Will there be more traffic?** Dave Teater answered: With growth comes more traffic. People will eventually get used to the changes just like other intersections have had growth over the years. Caltrans also doesn't coordinate when they change their lights, so we have to retune ours every so often.
- **Are smash and grabs increasing?** Yes, stores experiencing more thefts are Winco, Walmart, and Ulta.
- **Is there a difference in the law over the last 24 years?** Yes, it's laxer now.
- **Where were these people before?** Transients are a problem in all cities, and they move around. It is not illegal to be a transient.
- **Are drugs being given to them?** They can get medication if they choose to get help.
- **Can we put gates around the parks and lock them?** No. It would make it harder for us to respond and it would not stop people from jumping the fences.
- **We have abandoned vehicles around Heritage.** Call them in.
- **Can commercial vehicles be in residential areas?** Nothing over 10k lbs. They can park and unload though.

- **Can delivery drivers park in handicap spots?** No – call it in.
- **What can we do about people speeding on Walnut?** Grab my card and we can set up extra patrol.
- **What happened to repaving Heritage? There were signs it was getting work and it didn't happen.**
Dave Teater answered: It wasn't a repave, it was a line install.
- **Are we repaving all of the streets?** Shawn Matejcek answered: **Eventually, yes. Next fiscal year we will start and it will take 5-9 years.**
- **Who is in charge of trees on streets? Can we removed all of the trees.** Martin Celio answered: No, we can't remove all of the trees. Sergio Quiroz is in charge in, so we will pass your concern to him.
- **Can we request extra patrol?** Yes.

Next Meeting

November 17, 2022 @ 6:30 PM at **Mango Elementary School**