

MINUTES

Area 2 Community Meeting

March 31, 2022 6:30pm | *Almeria Middle School* Area Commander Lt. Adam Clabaugh

In Attendance

Lt. Adam Clabaugh, Community Policing Technician Amber Smith, Cpl. Buddy Porch, Cpl. Luis Valenzuela, Public Works Jose Orozco,

Lt. Adam Clabaugh

- Thanked everyone for coming out tonight
- Advised he is the new Area 2 Commander.
- We will have presentations from Code Compliance as well as MET team.
- There has been an increase in commercial burglaries, most occur along Foothill.
- Catalytic Converters are still an issue within the city.
- Ring Doorbells and doorbells that record has been a huge help in catching the people who are stealing packages and other thefts.
- The Police Department has been approved to hire more officers however the hiring process takes time. We like to make sure we hire quality employees
- There were 83 traffic accidents in January and 97 in February.
- The top 3 calls for service were 415 subjects, 415 transients, and suspicious calls.
- There was an increase of burglaries, in January there were 7 and in February there was 11.
- There were 8 robberies, there were a cluster of them around Sierra and Valley involving transients and there were 4 arrests made on those robberies.
- Police staffing update:
 - The city has approved 12 additional police officer positions and 6 officers a year until we are fully staffed.
- Upcoming Community Events:
 - Car Show will be starting up again. It will be the first Friday of the month from 5pm to 9pm
 - Summer Day camp starts on June 6th
 - Salsa Night at Center Stage will be April 14th
 - Fontana days will be on June 4th
 - Farmers Market is coming to Fontana, it will be held the first weekend in May at Jesse Turner Center.

Code Inspector Maria Gonzalez-Code Compliance

- Weed Abatement Spring season has started.
- Weed Abatement occurs twice a year once in April and in October.
- Inspectors will be inspecting every property in the city of Fontana looking for properties that have weeds. If you have weeds you will receive a notice in the mail. You will then have 30 days to remove the weeds. If the weeds are removed the case will be closed. If weeds are still on the property then you can get a warrant on your property to have our contractor take care of the problem and you will be billed for the work they do.

- Street vendors is a big issue within the city currently.
- We currently have a taskforce that went out in the evening hours from December to March.
- A lot of California Laws have gone to favor the vendor and left the city to figure out a plan to deal with them popping up everywhere.
- The city council is currently working on a plan for Code Compliance to confiscate goods of habitual offenders.
- All vendors should have a city permit, some that are currently out there could have a permit already however most of them don't. The vendor is suppose to have the permit on their person and has to show the permit when asked to see it by Code Inspectors, if they don't they could be issued a citation.
- We have cited the vendor on Citrus and Foothill as well as Citrus and Highland. The first citation is \$100, the 2nd is \$200 and the 3rd is \$500 and hopefully soon there will be a plan to confiscate the goods if they do not comply.
- We have conducted about 10 sweeps within the city for illegal street vendors.
- As of right now the only current legal food vendor is on Sierra and Riverside and he is a fruit vendor. All other food vendors are not legally permitted.
- No tacos vendors are allowed but we have permitted a fruit vendor as well as a flower vendor.

Traffic Cpl. Luis Valenzuela

- The Traffic Unit responds to all calls that are traffic related.
- April is driver distraction awareness. We will have multiple officers out there looking for people who are using their cell phones while driving because we have a grant to do so.

Bike Cpl. Buddy Porch

- Works with the Bike Unit whose primary duty is to deal with the homeless issues within the city.
- A year ago the city had a huge problem with homelessness in the city.
- The bike team has added a paramedic to the team and with the creation of the COAST Team and Swag we have been able to combat the homeless issue a little bit within the city of Fontana.
- We work closely with the Water of Life Church and City Link to provide resources to those who would like assistance. The first Saturday of the month City link offers the homeless population an opportunity to take a shower while providing them with haircuts and food, shelter and clothing.
- Our objective isn't to arrest the homeless but to try to give them the resources they need to get off the streets. However there are sometimes we do have to take enforcement when we need to.
- We work closely with open key access and homeless shelters in San Bernardino and Ontario.
- On average we get 1-2 people a week into shelters, however most of them leave the next day because they prefer to live on the streets because they don't want to follow the rules of the shelter.

Questions

1. Permit or not, street vendors are not allowed in residential areas, correct?
 - That is correct. They must remain in commercial areas.
2. There is a lot of street racing on Friday and Saturday nights.

- Cpl. Valenzuela advised we are aware of the complaints. We do receive intel of where these car meets are going to be held. We recently had information regarding the one that was held at Sierra and Valley. We went down there with several officers and looked for vehicle code violations. We get numerous calls especially on the weekends, however by the time we get there they are gone. If you can get a license plate let dispatch know and at the very least if they live in the city we can pay a visit to that person's house and make an advisal.

3. On Citrus during the day there was a checkpoint where they were pulling cars in to inspect them.
 - Cpl. Valenzuela advised it might have been CHP or some other agency doing smog inspections. Those happen periodically throughout the city.
4. Do we have a local shelter for Homeless?
 - No we currently do not have a local one in Fontana. We work with one in San Bernadino with Red Cross but we are currently working on one within the city limits.
5. Has any of the resources helped with the homeless issue?
 - Cpl. Porch advised yes it has helped. We have actually helped 18 people get housing. Sometimes people just get stuck because they just got out of West Valley or maybe Kaiser and can't get home, so we will offer to help them get there.
6. There is a large amount of graffiti near Miller High School.
 - Usually during the spring and summer we see an increase of graffiti. If you see graffiti you can call to report it to (909) 350-GONE and the city will remove it. You can also report it on Access Fontana App.
7. On Walnut/Clear Lake Way and Alison, there are a lot of speeding cars.
 - Cpl. Valenzuela advised we might be able to put the speed trailer out there.
8. Are there cameras along the bike trail?
 - As of yet there are no cameras along the bike trail.

Meeting adjourned

The next meeting will be July 21, 2022 at Heritage Intermediate School