

MINUTES

Area 3 Community Meeting

April 4, 2022 6:30pm | Palmetto Elementary School Area Commander Lt. Raul Fileto

In Attendance

Lt. Raul Fileto, Community Policing Technician Amber Smith, Officer Aaron Alcala, Code Enforcement Officer Peggy Fonseca, Officer Kirsten Ryn, Public Works Rob Rigby, Public Works Shawn Matejcek, Public Works Jose Orozco, City Clerk Germain McClellan Key

Lt. Raul Fileto

- Thanked everyone for coming out tonight
- The Department of Justice adjusted the way that we currently report crime stats. We have to report crimes against persons such as homicides, crimes against property such as robbery, burglary, larceny, motor vehicle theft, and crimes against society such as drugs, gambling, pornography.
 - For the City of Fontana Crimes against persons in January there were 129 and in February there was 117.
 - For the City of Fontana Crimes against property in January there were 374 and in February there were 365.
 - For the City of Fontana Crimes against society in January there were 265 and in February there were 309
 - For Area 3 Crimes against persons there were 61 in January and in February there was 54.
 - For Area 3 Crimes against property there were 149 in January and in February there was 135.
 - For Area 3 Crimes against society there were 131 in January and 136 in February.
- There were 3876 Calls for service in January and 3584 calls for service in February.
- The Priority one response time in January was 4:07 and for February was 4:12
- There was a total of 784 reports taken in January and 816 in February.
- There were 336 arrests in January and 329 in February.
- 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 Peggy Fonseca-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.

Bike Officer Aaron Alcalá

- Currently on the Bike Team.
- The primary duty of the bike team is to deal with the homeless population.
- There are currently 9 officers with 1 corporal and 1 sergeant on the bike team.
- The Police Department also has the COAST team to deal with the mental health aspect of the homeless population.
- We offer resources to transients who want the help and need the resources. Some of the things we have helped with is getting them help with social security, getting their Identification or transportation to get home.
- We also work with City Link. On the first Saturday of the month City Link offers transients with showers and haircuts.
- We run into problems when the transients do not want to take the help they are offered . For example there is a Hispanic female who would always be on Sierra we got her on a conservatorship and got her cleaned up but she ended up back with her old habits. If they don't want the help we can't force them to take the help.

Questions

1. What is the goal number of officers?
 - Lt. Fileto advised currently the goal is 1.27 officers per 1000 residents which is currently what the standard for the county. So somewhere around 250 officers.
2. Are the positions that have been approved sworn or Code or Animal Control officers?
 - Lt. Fileto advised those are sworn officer positions that were approved for the police department.

3. Has there been any word on any farmers markets coming back to Fontana?
 - Lt. Fileto advised that he did not know of any.
4. How many businesses have home licenses?
 - Peggy advised she doesn't have an exact number however those home occupation permits are handled through the planning department and are different from the street vendor permits.
5. Who are they suppose to call when they see a street vendor?
 - You can call dispatch, however keep in mind the violation will not be handled immediately especially if it is afterhours.
6. If they are on private property, does code still do enforcement?
 - Yes. The property owner can be held responsible for the activity on their property.
7. For weed abatement, do inspectors go down every street in the city?
 - Yes, every single street is looked at.
8. Has the city considered sting operations for the street vendors, something similar to prostitution stings where you can actually cite the customer and not just the one operating the business.
 - No the city has not considered that. The problem is the state is encouraging street vendors.
9. Please focus on the area around Kaiser with transients. Is there a way to work with Kaiser to get them to stop patient dumping? She currently has 2 properties along Valley and has had problems because sometimes Kaiser discharges people who have no where to go and they don't make it very far from there.
 - Lt. Fileto advised he has a meeting with Kaiser officials on Wednesday to deal with this exact issue.
10. Are the transient numbers growing?
 - The numbers vary from month to month.
11. How long is an RV allowed to be parked on the street?
 - It will need a permit and it is allowed to be parked for 3 days with that permit.
12. There is currently someone living in an RV on Randall and Wheeler.
 - Lt. Fileto advised he will have someone look into it.
13. On Tangelo/San Bernardino and Marygold they keep hearing a single firework. Advised it was mentioned at the last meeting the issues that were occurring the area and those issues have subsided.
 - Lt. Fileto advised RRT was sent down there and did an operation so hopefully that took care of the issues in that area.
14. In the upcoming elections are we using machines or paper ballots?
 - City Clerk Germaine McClellan Key advised her job is to make sure everyone in the area who can vote has the ability to vote, she was unsure what process would be used.

Meeting adjourned

The next meeting will be August 8, 2022 at Dolores Huerta Elementary school.