

MINUTES

Area 2 Community Meeting

November 17, 2022 6:30 PM | Mango Elementary School Area Commander Lt. Adam Clabaugh

In Attendance

Lt. Adam Clabaugh, Landscape Technician Martin Celio, Traffic Engineering Dave Teater, Public Works Shawn Matejcek, Community Policing Technician Amber Smith, Code Compliance Inspector Maria Gonzalez, Community Services Janette Solares, Officer Josh Macmillan, Detective Brad Guith, Detective Justin Moyer, and Detective Heidi Kouroubacalis

Lt. Adam Clabaugh

- Welcomed everyone to the Area 2 Community Meeting.
- He has been a police officer for 25 years and is currently the Area 2 Area Commander.
- He worked Area 2 before, went to Special Operations, and is now back in Area 2 as the Area Commander.
- In October burglaries increased but there is no pattern to times or locations of the burglaries.
- Catalytic Converter thefts have increased as well in Area 2. We have had about 20 stolen in area 2. The problem with these thefts is that it happens so fast by the time we get the call and a police officer is dispatched the suspect is already gone. If you can get a good description of the vehicle and a license plate that would help responding officers.
- Street racing is still present in the area. We have Officer MacMillan here tonight to have a discussion on that issue.

Traffic Officer Josh MacMillan

- He has been with the police department for 20 years and is very familiar with the traffic issues in the surrounding area.
- He grew up in the city and lived right down the street, and actually attended Mango Elementary School. His parents still live in the area.
- He works for the Traffic Unit.
- He is also part of the Major Accident Investigation team.
- The city offers the officers overtime to help combat street racing within the city.
- We don't necessarily have a street racing problem, we have dumb kids who love doing burnouts which is considered reckless driving, and we can tow their cars for that.
- We are aware of the car meets at Cherry and Baseline and some parks throughout our city. When we come across the car meets it turns out they aren't there to do burnout but to show off their cars and there is usually one or two knuckleheads in the crowd who decides to try to show off by doing a burnout when leaving. We usually watch from a distance and when we see that happen our officers will take action.
- We also work with Riverside Street racing taskforce monitoring social media to know when these meets are going to occur within our city.
- We have a federal grant that allows us to deploy officers out in the field to focus on these types of events.
- We are aggressive in our response to street racing/burnouts.
- We have a DUI check point this weekend in the south area of Fontana.
- There were many questions on this topic which are addressed in the questions section of these minutes.

- The ICAC unit consists of 1 sergeant, 3 detectives, 1 P.C. 290 compliance detective, 1 computer forensic technician, 1 electronic detection K9 and a very supportive command staff.
- Officer Wyrick and K9 Goose are the K9 team who helps with locating electronic devices. K9 Goose has his own Instagram page. He can be found @ fpd_k9goose.
- Studies have shown 85% of offenders who have child sexual images will go hands on sexual abuse at some point. In this study 155 men convicted of possessing child sexual abuse images had a 48 month treatment and of those 155 men, 85% of them, admitted to sexually molesting children at least once with an average of 13.5 victims per offender.
- Types of investigations ICAC does:
 - Cyber tips (National Center for Missing and Exploited Children)
 - Patrol Follow ups
 - Proactive investigations
 - Dark Web Investigations
- What can you do to protect yourself and your children?
 - Do not put your personal information online.
 - Have different passwords.
 - Use privacy settings.
 - And make sure to actively monitor what the kids are posting.
- The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children serves as an information clearinghouse and national resource center on issues related to victims, missing and exploited children, and operates a national toll-free hotline for tips to come into law enforcement.
- Once example of bad information being put on the internet happened in our city. The suspect was infatuated with his underage cousin and was caught performing sexual acts in front of her while she was sleeping. The suspect followed the cousin on social media and because infatuated with the cousin's friend. He was able to figure out where this child lived and broke into the house and performed sexual acts in front of the child while the child was sleeping. He even knew where the cameras were in the house. He ended up going to prison in 2017 and has already been released from jail but is no longer in our area.
- If you are looking for resources to help get the conversation started with your children you can check out www.missingkids.org/netsmartz
- If you would like to make a report of an internet predator, you can call 1800-the-lost or call our dispatch to report it.
- If you have any questions, you can contact the ICAC unit at FontanapdICAC@fontana.org

Questions

- **There has been a problem on Beech and Village Parkway for 2 years. It started in 2020. At Foxfire Lane and Village Parkway people are constantly doing burnouts. It is very random, last one was on Tuesday night. There are no stop signs from Beech to Sultana as well as no speed limit signs. There was a Honda Accord and a truck chasing each other and his off duty deputy neighbor confronted them. His neighbor had to all 911 when they started following him, the responding officers arrested the driver and the passenger had a loaded handgun on him. This all happens usually Monday through Friday from 5:30pm to 8:30pm. Officer MacMillan advised we have seen that since the pandemic, people's driving habits have changed. He wrote 37 tickets today alone and towed 4 vehicles as well as wrote several parking citations. We understand it is difficult, you call us but by the time the officers get there they are gone, if you can get a license plate or a video of what is happening we can take steps to advise**

the violators. We do care about what is going on in our community. Officer MacMillan advised he will talk to the guys who work nights to let the know of the concerns. In the evenings, we only have 3 traffic officers for the whole city but we will get some extra patrol in the area.

- **Has lived in the area for 20 years and in the last week he has almost got ran over 3 times, on Mango at the crosswalk in front of the school.** Dave Teater with Traffic Engineering advised they are currently conducting a warrant study and if it warrants the reflectors they will be installed as soon as they can be.
- **Why do new developments have the stop sign flashers?** Dave Teater advised when a new stop sign is installed a temporary flasher is installed on the stop sign to catch people's attention. It is not permanent and will be removed within a couple of weeks.
- **Advised she lives on Miller and there are a lot of speeders. They also do donuts at Tamarind and Mango along Miller Avenue. There are no lights in the area and it is really dark, asked if someone could evaluate Miller Avenue between Mango and Tamarind for lights as well as possible speed bumps.** Dave Teater with Traffic Engineering advised she will get with her after the meeting to discuss the issues. Officer MacMillan advised that speed bumps are good for residential areas, however, you have to remember emergency vehicles. In an emergency, the emergency vehicles will have to slow down to go over those speed bumps, slowing response times. Dave Teater added speed bumps do slow people down however it doesn't necessarily mean it offered more safety for the area. If someone goes over one too fast they could crash and there is a potential for liability issues.
- **There are a lot of accidents at Baseline and Palmetto.** Dave Teater advised there is not a sight distance issue there, they have already looked into it. Advised the problem is with speeding in the area. There will be a signal installed soon, the problem with it though is that half of the intersection is in Rialto so we have to work with them to get it installed, it is taking a little bit longer than we would like. It should be up within the year.
- **Lives on Elaine and Mango, she advised she can't even allow the kids to play outside because they are so scared a car will crash and end up in their yard. There is also an issue with a drone being flown in the area. Every time they are outside it follows them.** Lt Clabaugh will talk to her after the meeting regarding the drone and Officer MacMillan advised he will start doing enforcement on Mango tomorrow.
- **There is a car, she knows the license plate and where the guy lives that has an extremely loud exhaust.** Officer MacMillan advised he will get with her after the meeting to get the information.
- **Traffic around the schools is horrible. In her area there is the high school, middle school and even an elementary school, she feels trapped.** Officer MacMillan advised our officers do a rotation and visit each school. One of the residents informed everyone she works for the school district and if there are issues surrounding the schools they should go to the School Board meetings to voice their concerns.
- **Advised on her street there is someone who is parking a boat and a trailer on the street making it hard to see on coming traffic.** Officer MacMillan advised he will get the information and check it out.
- **How is traffic doing with the blinking yellow lights?** Officer MacMillan advised pretty good, we haven't had any major issues with them and from his understanding more will be installed throughout the city.
- **Are people able to hack into baby monitors?** There are some devices that run off radio frequency which could possibly intercept your baby monitor if you are on the same channel. One way to avoid that is to get a quality device that is digital and can be scrambled and requires a password. You might also want to stay away from devices such as Alexa, Google, Siri type devices as they are made for listening.
- **It was mentioned that burglaries increased. Are the burglaries occurring at night?** Most of them happen at night but they are sporadic, there is no pattern. Some are businesses, others are catalytic converter thefts.
- **Is there evidence that the suspects are from another city coming into our city to commit their crimes?** It depends, there are some that come from outside into our city.

- **Advised she follows the Fontana PD social media pages, however, never sees any booking photos of the people who are stealing.** Detective Guith advised due to AB 1475; it prohibits us from using the booking photos online. We do post ICAC arrest booking photos but that is because we think there could be additional victims. But AB 1475, has a lot of restrictions as to what we can post on our social media pages.
- **What is the procedure when people are using their children to solicit money such as the lady up in Sierra Lakes?** Lt. Clabaugh advised if our officers encounter that and the child seems to be in danger that person could be charged with child endangerment.
- **There are tons of vendors on Foothill, are they now allowed?** They need to have a city business permit do business within the city limits. But due to the state changing the law, the hands of our officers and Code compliance officers are limited when it comes to street vendors. Code Compliance is currently in the process to hire two more inspectors who will strictly work on street vendors. If the street vendors are causing a traffic hazard our officers can handle those calls.
- **Are the subjects who are stealing catalytic converters in the city on bikes?** No, they are usually in a vehicle, they pull up, and within like 30 seconds they are gone. Usually, the ones who are riding bikes in the early morning hours are checking car doors to see if they are unlocked.

Next Meeting

March 16, 2023 @ 6:30 PM at **Almeria Middle School**