

# MINUTES

## Area 1 Community Meeting

July 18, 2024 6:30 PM | *Shady Trails Clubhouse* Area Commander Lt. Kyle Slusser

### In Attendance

Lt. Kyle Slusser, Officer Bagley, Public Works Martin Celio, Code Compliance Inspector Peggy Fonseca, Victims' Advocate Sharleen Ormonde-Large, Traffic Engineering Ruben Hovanesian, Engineering Project Coordinator Shawn Matejcek, Community Policing Technician Amber Smith and Fontana City Clerk Germaine Key

### Area Commander Lt. Kyle Slusser

- Information about Lt. Slusser:
  - He has over 18 years in law enforcement
  - 2005-2010 worked in patrol, Honor Guard, and SWAT (2008-2019)
  - 2010-2014 worked undercover in the Narcotics Unit
  - 2014-2015 was back in Patrol and a Field Training Officer.
  - In 2015 was promoted to Corporal in the Patrol division.
  - 2015-2019 worked as a Detective in the Investigations Unit.
  - Was moved to the Internal Affairs Division in 2019.
  - 2019-2023- promoted to Sergeant and worked in various assignments which included Patrol, Gangs, Administration, Personnel and Training, Recruiting and Honor Guard.
  - Was promoted in December of 2023 to Lieutenant assigned to Area 1 and Watch Commander for Team 4 which is Weekend Graveyard.
- What you can expect from him is transparency and accountability.
  - He strives to be engaging, fair, and honest.
  - He is proactive, tenacious, and result driven.
  - If there is a problem, he will work hard to find a solution for it.
- Crime at a Glance

| Group                | January | February | March | April | May | June | Total |
|----------------------|---------|----------|-------|-------|-----|------|-------|
| Crime against Person | 20      | 11       | 8     | 11    | 13  | 16   | 79    |
| ▪ Homicide           | 0       | 0        | 0     | 0     | 0   | 0    | 0     |
| ▪ Forcible Rape      | 1       | 0        | 2     | 0     | 0   | 1    | 4     |
| ▪ Nonforcible Rap    | 0       | 0        | 0     | 0     | 0   | 0    | 0     |
| ▪ Aggravated Assault | 0       | 3        | 0     | 4     | 5   | 2    | 14    |
| ▪ Simple Assault     | 14      | 6        | 5     | 5     | 6   | 13   | 49    |
| ▪ Intimidation       | 5       | 2        | 1     | 2     | 1   | 0    | 11    |
| ▪ Kidnapping         | 0       | 0        | 0     | 0     | 1   | 0    | 1     |

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|---------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| ▪ Human Trafficking       | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0   |
| Crimes against Property   | 53 | 69 | 45 | 67 | 56 | 64 | 354 |
| ▪ Robbery                 | 1  | 2  | 3  | 2  | 1  | 1  | 10  |
| ▪ Burglary                | 3  | 6  | 4  | 3  | 4  | 6  | 26  |
| ▪ Larceny                 | 33 | 40 | 34 | 42 | 30 | 41 | 220 |
| ▪ Motor Vehicle Theft     | 3  | 9  | 3  | 5  | 10 | 8  | 38  |
| ▪ Arson                   | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0   |
| ▪ Destruction of Property | 4  | 4  | 1  | 1  | 4  | 1  | 15  |
| ▪ Counterfeiting/Forgery  | 1  | 1  | 0  | 2  | 0  | 0  | 4   |
| ▪ Fraud                   | 3  | 5  | 0  | 6  | 2  | 2  | 18  |
| ▪ Embezzlement            | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 1  | 0  | 1   |
| ▪ Extortion/Blackmail     | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0   |
| ▪ Bribery                 | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0   |
| ▪ Stolen Property         | 5  | 2  | 0  | 6  | 4  | 5  | 22  |
| Crimes against Society    | 6  | 1  | 6  | 9  | 4  | 2  | 28  |
| ▪ Drugs                   | 3  | 0  | 2  | 3  | 2  | 1  | 11  |
| ▪ Drugs Equipment         | 2  | 1  | 3  | 5  | 1  | 0  | 12  |
| ▪ Gambling                | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0   |
| Total                     | 79 | 81 | 59 | 87 | 73 | 82 | 461 |

- The only thing that hasn't been updated is Traffic Accidents for June.
- Compared to other areas of Fontana, we are below the average on pretty much every category in Area 1.
- We do see an increase of calls for service when the weather warms up.

○ Crime broken down by category:

|                         | January | February | March | April | May  | June | Average |
|-------------------------|---------|----------|-------|-------|------|------|---------|
| Calls for Service       | 1004    | 860      | 912   | 1039  | 1093 | 1220 | 1021    |
| Priority 1 Response     | 6:07    | 5:01     | 5:24  | 4:30  | 4:18 | 5:45 | 5:10    |
| Group A Offenses        | 79      | 76       | 59    | 86    | 73   | 83   | 76      |
| Crimes against Persons  | 20      | 7        | 8     | 10    | 13   | 16   | 12      |
| Crimes against Property | 53      | 67       | 45    | 67    | 56   | 65   | 59      |
| Crimes against Society  | 6       | 2        | 6     | 9     | 4    | 2    | 5       |
| Reports Taken           | 121     | 126      | 103   | 145   | 141  | 145  | 130     |
| Arrests                 | 37      | 19       | 23    | 31    | 24   | 24   | 26      |
| Traffic Accidents       | 17      | 19       | 12    | 18    | 11   |      | 15      |

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|----------------------|----|----|---|----|---|--|----|
| Injury Accidents     | 5  | 3  | 4 | 2  | 2 |  | 3  |
| Non-injury Accidents | 12 | 16 | 8 | 16 | 9 |  | 12 |

- Events:
  - July 22<sup>nd</sup> -24<sup>th</sup> Teen Citizen Academy-Fontana Police Department
  - July 31<sup>st</sup>-FPD Buisness Watch Lunch with Chief Dorsey-Fontana Police Department EOC
  - August 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>– Affordable Pet Vaccine and Wellness Clinic-Jesse Turner Center (near dog park) 15556 Summit Avenue from 9am to 11am.
  - August 6<sup>th</sup> National Night Out Fontana Park 15556 Summit Avenue (Under covered sports arena) 5pm to 8pm.
  - August 14<sup>th</sup>-Blood Drive-Fontana Police Department 17005 Upland Avenue from 8:30am to 3:00pm.
  - August 31<sup>st</sup> & September 1<sup>st</sup> Affordable Pet Vaccine and Wellness Clinic-Jesse Turner Center (Near Dog park) 15556 Summit Avenue from 9am to 11am.
  - One DUI Checkpoint in July and two are set for August.
- Community Enrichment Program-
  - On July 3, 2024, the Fontana Police Department Traffic Unit focused their detail in the area of Duncan Canyon and Casa Grade for commerical vehicle violations. The results ended with:
    - 42 parking violations
    - 4 moving violations
    - 24 vehicles marked and tagged for 72 hours violations
    - 2 vehicles towed
- Street Racers:
  - Due to an increase in street racers, our Traffic unit began doing street racer operations. Our latest detail was on June 28<sup>th</sup> and we made 22 stops and wrote 15 citations for speed and various equipment violations.
  - Lt. Slusser has reached out to CHP for assistance and they began adding additional officers on weekened nights to help with freeway takeovers. The car clubs are usually meeting at our shopping centers to set up their races, once it is set up they get in their cars and jump on the freeway. They will then have cars that will slow down traffic to a stop so the cars who are suppose to race can start racing. Officer Bagely advised him and one other officer were tasked with handling the street racing issues. When the vehicles are parked in a parking lot there is not much that can be done unless the property owner wants them gone but officers are able to go after moving violations as well as illegal modifications made to the vehicles.
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## Questions

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- **What about burglaries, have those increased?** Lt. Slusser advised we currently have 26 for the entire year.
- **What about Carjackings?** Lt. Slusser advised those are not listed on the list which he provided but those are less likely to happen, we maybe have a total of 3 for the year.
- **On the chart, larceny is a fairly large number, what is that?** Lt. Slusser advised larceny is theft, usually that theft happens from a retail store, it is technically a petty theft. Most large companies do not allow employees to get involved, which is understandable because of liability issues but with these types of crimes it does make it hard for us to be able to arrest the suspect because they won't even watch what

car they get into or which direction of travel they go in or anything that could help officers to catch these criminals.

- **It was mentioned that there are 10 officers who cover the entire city, is that a minimum for the department?** Lt. Slusser advised it is the minimum standard for the department, but that number does not include supervisors on duty. We need more officers, we have about 17 vacancies and we are constantly sending 3 to 4 officers to the academy each time. If you know of anyone who wants to be an officer send them our way, we do have a strict background process.
- **How did the 4<sup>th</sup> of July go this year?** Lt. Slusser advised it was chaotic. It was probably the most chaotic day of the year so far. Officers were going from call to call from the start of the shift to the end of shift. On the 4<sup>th</sup> officers responded to 163 calls for service and that does not include the information we received through 311. We had 5 additional officers on duty as well as a fire inspector who as working that night as well.
- **Between Summit and the 210 freeway along Citrus Avenue there is a huge problem with commercial vehicles going up and down the street causing the houses to shake.** Officer Bagley advised they are not allowed to be on Citrus. The only truck route in the area is Sierra unless they are making a delivery. Advised he will let the Commercial Enforcement Officer know. Ruben Hovanesian with Traffic Engineering advised someone recently submitted that complaint on the 311 system. Traffic Engineering is currently looking into it and getting counts over the next 3 weeks to get the times to give to the traffic unit at the pd in order to do enforcement. Sierra Avenue will eventually be resurfaced and hopefully that will help with the truck traffic in the area. Lt. Slusser advised the resident to have him, and his neighbors report it on 311 with times it is occurring, so we have the officers check it out when it is happening. The resident informed Lt. Slusser it happens mostly from 11pm to midnight almost every night during the week. City Clerk Germaine Key advised as part of her job with the city is to forward inquiries to the respective departments so if you have any concerns or questions, you can always email her as well at [gkey@fontanaca.gov](mailto:gkey@fontanaca.gov)
- **Is there a possibility to do away with fireworks within the city?** Lt. Slusser advised you would have to address City Council for that.
- **Does the police department publish crime stats on a regular basis?** Yes, all information is public information and can be found on our website or by visiting [Crimemapping.com](http://Crimemapping.com).
- **Has there been any discussion of having a substation up in this area?** Lt. Slusser advised we use to have one in the shopping center near Kohl's however during the recession we were forced to close it to save money. Lt. Slusser advised he would love to be able to have a substation up here once again and will bring it up in the next Command Staff Meeting.
- **Advised the city he used to live in use to have dedicated officers who were assigned to schools. Does the city of Fontana do that?** We don't have that program anymore due to staffing issues. School Police dedicates officers to the high schools. We do have one officer who is assigned with School Police Department to run our FLIP program which is a leadership program for students.
- **Do we have any issues with school shootings?** Lt. Slusser advised we do not have any issues with that. We have on occasion received threats, but we thoroughly investigate them, and our officers are trained extensively on active shooter situations.
- **Is there any information on human trafficking in this area?** Lt. Slusser advised we don't have a big problem with that here in Fontana. But it does happen, if you go over to the City of San Bernardino, they have a taskforce that deals with strictly human trafficking cases, but we don't have a problem here in Fontana luckily.
- **How about homelessness?** Lt. Slusser advised we are one of the most proactive agencies around. We give them resources; we try to find solutions to the problems. The only problem is we cannot force

them to take the resources we are providing. No one does more for the homeless community than the city of Fontana.

- **How many homeless shelters do we have in Fontana?** Lt. Slusser advised there are several. We just opened a new one on Valley it used to be a hotel but now it is a homeless shelter. We also have one coming in at Arrow and Citrus which will be ran by the Water of Life Church.
- **What is the percentage of homeless population that has mental health issues?** Lt. Slusser advised he did not have that number however we do see a lot of mental health issues when dealing with homeless individuals. We do work with San Bernardino County Mental Health Department to offer those subjects resources to help them. We also have our very own COAST Team which deals with mental health related calls, and we work closely with the San Bernardino County Crisis Response team.
- **In the news lately there has been stories of people finding hidden cameras in their yards to see when they come and go to make it easier to break into their homes. Has anything like that happened here in Fontana?** Lt. Slusser advised we haven't seen that happen here in Fontana yet.
- **Are squatters a problem here in Fontana?** Lt. Slusser advised we don't really have a squatter problem in Fontana; however, we do have one or two pop up occasionally, however, sometimes it is more like the house was rented under false pretenses someone rented a house out that wasn't theirs to rent out.

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### Next Meeting

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November 7th @ 6:30 PM at **Sierra Lakes Elementary School**

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