

# MINUTES

## Area 1 Community Meeting

November 7, 2024 6:30 PM | Sierra Lakes Elementary School Area Commander Lt. Kyle Slusser

## In Attendance

Lt. Kyle Slusser, Officer Parsons, Public Works Martin Celio, Code Compliance Inspector Peggy Fonseca, Code Compliance Supervisor Jason Barber, Victims' Advocate Sharleen Ormonde-Large, Traffic Engineering Ruben Hovanesian, Engineering Project Coordinator Shawn Matejcek, Community Policing Technician Amber Smith and Fontana City Councilmember Phillip Cothran

Area Commander Lt. Kyle Slusser

- Information about Lt. Slusser:
  - He has worked 19 years in law enforcement.
  - Worked various assignments:
    - 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. He works Thursday to Saturday nights from 5pm to 5 am.
  - Area 1 is the area that is least impacted by crime within the city. (Stats were shown on the screen). Thefts are usually happening in the retail areas.
  - Overview of the Areas: Area 1 is everything north of the 210 freeway, Area 2 is from Foothill Blvd to the 210 freeway, Area 3 is everything between the 10 freeway and Foothill Blvd, and Area 4 is everything south of the 10 freeway. Each area is assigned its own Area Commander.

- Crime at a Glance

Crimes against Property	53	69	45	67	56	64	55	50	43	38	542
▪ Robbery	1	2	3	2	1	1	1	0	1	1	14
▪ Burglary	3	6	4	3	4	6	4	2	6	1	38
▪ Larceny	33	40	34	42	30	41	29	28	21	25	325
▪ Motor Vehicle Theft	3	9	3	5	10	8	3	8	5	3	57
▪ Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
▪ Destruction of Property	4	4	1	1	4	1	6	4	3	2	30
▪ Counterfeiting/Forgery	1	1	0	2	0	0	5	0	0	0	9
▪ Fraud	3	5	0	6	2	2	4	5	3	1	30
▪ Embezzlement	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2
▪ Extortion/Black mail	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
▪ Bribery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
▪ Stolen Property	5	2	0	6	4	5	2	3	4	4	35
Crimes against Society	6	1	6	9	4	2	7	9	11	5	60
▪ Drugs	3	0	2	3	2	1	2	6	2	2	23
▪ Drugs Equipment	2	1	3	5	1	0	2	2	5	3	24
▪ Gambling	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
▪ Pornography	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
▪ Prostitution	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
▪ Weapons	1	0	1	1	0	1	2	1	4	0	11
▪ Animal Cruelty	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total	79	81	59	86	74	83	86	77	71	62	758

## Code Compliance Inspector Peggy Fonseca

- Just wanted to let everyone know that we are currently in the middle of the Fall Weed Abatement Season so if you received a notice, you have 30 days to remove any weeds and trash from your property.
- If you did receive a notice and have any questions, there should be a number on the form of who you can call but the notice should have all the information you need.

## Questions

- Left a message for Lt. Slusser approximately 3 weeks ago, she has documented the hours that someone is shooting a gun near their house in Hunter's Ridge. She doesn't know where is coming from and it is very sporadic. She mentioned that she has contacted her neighbors and they hear it too but don't know where it is coming from. She did see on Next-door that some areas nearby in Rancho have heard it as well Lt. Slusser asked if she has contacted dispatch when it is happening because they would be able to get the helicopter out there to try to pinpoint where it is coming from. He advised since the Rancho side can hear it as well it might be coming from the wash, but no one should be shooting a gun in that area. Advised we will also have extra patrol in the area.

- Neighbor behind her has windchimes that are about 20 feet from the wall, and they are up all year long, all the neighbors don't get any rest, it is very frustrating, and she would like to see if windchimes can be banned within the city limits. She advised she has done her research and they are in violation of Fontana Municipal Code 18-63. She also advised she is unable to speak with them cordially because her neighbors are unneighborly. Lt. Slusser advised he will look into it, unfortunately he doesn't know of a penal code that could be enforced for this, but he will look into it. Advised he will get with her after the meeting to get more information. Councilmember Phillip Cothran advised in order to get them banned it would have to go through the city council and he will bring it up at the next meeting. He said it might take approximately 6 months or so before it will become enforceable because there are procedures in place that must be followed.
- At the last meeting he brought up the issue with the big rigs going down Citrus and making his whole house shake and making him think that we are having an earthquake. He advised the trucks are still flying down Citrus Avenue. Advised he also spoke with Sgt. Schlotterbeck about the issue as well. Officer Parsons advised we are aware of the issue, and he has even gone up in the area and have issued numerous citations. He mentioned the problem is that most of these truck drivers are not from around here and sometimes we don't always have the same truck drivers driving in the area, but he will continue to monitor the area and enforce the truck route. As of right now the only truck route we have in this area is Sierra and Cherry. Ruben Hovanesian with Traffic Engineering advised they have been working on that area and there will be 3 signs that will be installed on southbound Citrus. They have found a lot of the trucks going through the area are coming from FedEx on Sierra, so they are even going to install rubber dividers which will make it harder for trucks to turn this way towards Citrus.
- Advised he was a truck driver for 40 years and most truck drivers do try to obey the laws however there are sometimes when they make a wrong turn and it is extremely difficult to make a u-turn with those big trucks. Ruben Hovanesian advised we have tried to work with Cal Trans to put signs up around the freeways but that is a 7-year process so it would be quicker if we install them on our streets.
- Advised on Citrus and Summit, there is a big sign that says there is a projected 595 townhome project coming in right there but
- that it is going to be apartments. Councilmember Cothran advised he is well aware of the project. The land is currently zoned for 18 single family homes with large lots however the owner wants to amend the zoning. He has been seeing the project progress and advised everyone to show up to the planning commission meetings. One of the obstacles the city has is the state has changed the standards for building to have only a 5ft set back.
- Suggests that we hold the meetings at DW Long Elementary because when they were held there, there was a huge turnout. Community Policing Technician Amber Smith advised one of the reasons we no longer have it there is because we try to keep the cost as low as possible and Etiwanda School District started charging us to use their facilities and we can use the Fontana School District and City facilities for free.
- Is there a code for travel trailers parking on the street? They had an incident in their neighborhood where someone parked a travel trailer on the street for 7 days and blocked the mailboxes, and the truck that was pulling the trailer was leaking oil all over the street. Lt. Slusser advised the city does have an RV permit, it is good for 3 days and you can get 2 of them, non-motorized vehicles such as a travel trailer is not allowed to be parked on the street without the permit. If you see something like that, that is parked for an extended period of time please call into our dispatch and we can send an officer out to check it out. Officer Parsons' advised the Traffic Unit will be doing the Community Enrichment program in Area 1 next so all those issues will be dealt with when they go through the neighborhoods.
- There is graffiti between Citrus and Cherry in a flood control area. Code Supervisor advised he knows all about the graffiti and has been in contact with the flood control where the graffiti is at, he has been informed by them that it is not their responsibility it would be the responsibility of the homeowners that back to the property. As of right now there is a lock on the gate, but they advised they would make accommodations for the property owners to gain access to the area to remove the graffiti. He is currently working on this location.

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## Next Meeting

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March 6<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 PM at **Sierra Lakes Elementary School (5740 Avenal Avenue, Fontana CA 92336)**

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