

MINUTES

April 15, 2024 6:30 PM | Citrus Elementary School Area Commander Lt. Chris Tusant

In Attendance

Lt. Chris Tusant, Utilities & Streets Supervisor Rob Rigby, Landscape Technician Raul Esparza, Community Policing Technician Amber Smith, Code Compliance Cynthia Gil, City Treasurer Janet Kohler Brooks, Traffic Engineering Ruben Hovanesian

Lt. Chris Tusant

- Welcomed and thanked everyone for coming to the Area 3 Community Meeting.
- Introduced himself as the Area 3 Commander.
- Had city staff introduce themselves.
- We are always open for feedback.
- Project Updates:
 - Parking issues on Chantry/Upland/Cypress-
 - Parking violations causing narrow roadway.
 - Immediately after the last Area Commander Meeting, Traffic and CSOs worked this and towed 3 vehicles, tagged one vehicle and issued 6 citations on Upland just east of Cypress.
 - Since the last meeting they have towed a total of 5 vehicles and issued 18 citations in the area.
 - We will continue to work on this location along with working with Traffic Engineering as there might be some spots that warrant a red painted curb.
 - In situations like this we usually run into people who play the 72-hour game. We tag a vehicle and even if they move it 2 inches within the 72 hour period we are unable to tow it. As of right now we have a couple of large vans in the area that are playing that 72-hour game with us.
 - Prius Lot-Parking issues on Alder and Hawthorne.
 - We have been monitoring but not seeing anything specific. If there is more information from anyone present, please let us know.
 - Graffiti along the Sierra corridor-
 - Working with Gang Unit and City Yards for the removal and enforcement. Gangs has made several arrests. They were able to link suspects to over 60 independent cases in the area. This project will continue.
- Stats for the month of February for Area 3

	2024	2023	Change
Calls for Service	3541	3868	-8%
Priority 1 Response Time	4:09	4:26	-6%
Group A offenses	252	309	-18%
Crime Against Person	60	81	-26%
Crimes Against Property	136	122	11%
Crimes Against Society	56	106	-47%
Reports Taken	615	683	-10%

Arrests	186	253	-26%
Traffic Collisions	95	110	-14%
Injury	22	28	-21%
Non-injury	73	82	-11%

- Top 10 calls for service

Type	Total
415T-NOISE	316
415S-DISTURBANCES	240
SUSPCR-CATCH ALL OR JUST NOT RIGHT	154
AREACK-AREA CHECKS	84
ADVIS- GO TELL THEM TO KNOCK IT OFF	82
TCNON-CRASH WITH NO INJURIES	78
SUSPSJ-JUST DON'T LOOK RIGHT	74
415D- FIGHT AMONGST FAMILY	72
ANIMAL	56
488- PETTY THEFT	52

- SUSPCR, AREACK, ADVIS, SUSPSJ are all calls where the officers are going into an area to look around and make contact or send on their way.
- Our response time for Area 3 is also down from January at 4:20 to February 4:09.
- Crimes Against persons:

Offense	January	February	YTD 2024
Homicide	0	0	0
Sex Offenses	4	2	6
Forcible	4	1	5
Nonforcible	0	1	1
Assault	73	56	129
Aggravated Assault	23	17	40
Simple Assault	49	35	84
Intimidation	1	4	5
Kidnapping	1	2	3
Human Trafficking	0	0	0
Crimes against person Total	78	60	138

- Crimes Against Property:

Offense	January	February	YTD 2024
Robbery	4	3	7
Burglary	17	10	27
Larceny	38	50	88
Motor Vehicle Theft	26	21	47
Arson	0	1	1
Destruction of property	23	20	43
Counterfeiting/Forgery	3	3	6
Fraud	11	9	20
Embezzlement	0	3	3
Extortion/Blackmail	0	1	1
Bribery	0	0	0
Stolen Property	20	15	35
Crime Against Property Total	142	136	278

- Crimes Against Society:

Offenses	January	February	YTD 2024
Drugs	31	22	53
Drug Equipment	25	16	41
Gambling	0	0	0
Pornography	5	7	12
Prostitution	0	0	0
Weapons	13	11	24
Animal Cruelty	0	0	0
Crime Against Society Total	74	56	130

- Calls for the entire City:

	February 2023	February 2024	Change
Calls for Service	8246	9097	-9%
Priority 1 Response	4:28	4:46	-6%
Time on Calls	45%	49%	-8%
Group A Offenses	626	735	-15%
Crimes Against Persons	129	167	-23%

Crimes against Property	349	377	-7%
Crimes against society	148	191	-23%
Total Reports Taken	1417	1481	-4%
Arrests	444	494	-10%
Traffic Accidents	190	216	-12%
Injury Accidents	51	51	0%
Non-Injury Accidents	139	165	-16%

- Whole city compared to Area 3:

	City	Area 3	
Calls for Service	8246	3541	42%
Priority 1 Response Time	4:28	4:09	21 seconds faster
<u>Group A offenses</u>	626	252	40%
<u>Crime Against Person</u>	129	60	46%
<u>Crimes Against Property</u>	349	136	38%
<u>Crimes Against Society</u>	148	56	37%
Reports Taken	1417	615	43%
Arrests	444	186	41%
Traffic Collisions	190	95	50%
Injury	51	22	
Non-injury	139	73	

- Contact information for Lt. Tusant:

- (909) 350-7706
- ctusant@fontanaca.gov
- City Website: Fontanaca.gov
- Instagram: @fontanaPD and @fontanapd_airsupport

Code Compliance Cynthia Gil-Weed Abatement

- Weed abatement season for the city has recently started. Has already opened 100 cases in Area 3 for weed abatement.
- The City of Fontana started the Weed Abatement Program in 1999.
- Code Compliance Inspectors conduct semi-annual weed and waste inspections throughout the city.
- The purpose of this is to ensure that owners are maintaining their property and keeping it free of any weeds or rubbish per the city Municipal Code.
- Property owners are responsible for weeding their property by mowing, discing, and performing necessary handwork along fence lines, walkways, parkways, driveways, streets, and structures. Property owners must keep property clean of all green waste, solid waste, trash, and debris.
- Inspectors will inspect the property and open a case on any property that is not being properly maintained. Notices will be sent out to the property owner and the property owner will have 30 days to get into compliance.

- For violations that are not corrected by the compliance deadline, the city of Fontana will abate the violations and assess all costs associated with the clean up against the property. A lien will be filed with the San Bernardino County Assessors against the subject property.
- Weed Abatement happens twice a year. The first Weed Abatement season starts the first week of April for the Spring Season and the second one starts the first week of October for the Fall Season.

Traffic Engineering-Ruben Hovanesian

- Upcoming Projects:
 - Sierra repaving from Valley to San Bernardino is going to start soon.
 - Restriping along Randall from Fontana Avenue to Juniper and San Bernardino Avenue from Catawba to Juniper. They will be changing it to one lane in each direction with a center turn lane. This is being done to improve safety especially round the schools.
 - Randall in front of the school will have the curb, gutter and sidewalk improved, this project will probably start once school is out in order to not hinder school traffic.

Questions

- **Asked if there was an interpreter available for a couple of attendees?** Code Compliance Inspector Cynthia Gil advised she would be able to interpret for them. Lt. Tusant advised we are one big team, and we are constantly working together and thanked Cynthia for interpreting for the attendees.
- **The area of Upland and Cypress is still crowded with vehicles.**
- **What is the process to report graffiti?** Lt. Tusant advised you can report it on the city's 311 system, the graffiti hotline (909) 350-GONE (4663) or you can always call and leave a tip for our gang unit (909) 356-7186. If the graffiti is on your property and you would like to make a vandalism report, you can call our non-emergency dispatch number (909) 350-7700 to have an officer come out and take a report.
- **There is a lot of traffic problems in front of the school on arrival and pickup from school.** Lt. Tusant advised he will let our traffic unit know. Our Traffic Unit does do rotations to every school within Fontana, when they do that the problems seem to stop for a while, but they always return.
- **Catawba is prone to speeders and there is a lot of pedestrians on Catawba due to the schools in the area. Could they possibly get some speed bumps to slow people down.** Lt. Tusant advised speed bumps could cause more problems than they are worth. But we can have Traffic Engineering take a look at the location to see if there is anything that can slow people down. We can also have our Traffic Unit do enforcement in the area as well. You can also request new traffic control devices on the City's 311 system. <https://www.fontana311.org/s/service-description?id=a0n5e00000KfsrcAAB>
- **At Catawba and San Bernardino, there is a lot of traffic accidents because people just don't see the stop sign. There used to be a tree blocking the stop sign but that has been cut and people are still running that stop sign.** Lt. Tusant advised the number one reason for accidents is driver's inattention and it is usually caused by cell phone use. We can get officers out there to do some enforcement.
- **People are racing at night on Catawba and Fontana Avenue.** Lt. Tusant advised he will let our Traffic Unit know.
- **Who do we call about semis parked on the street?** Lt. Tusant advised you can report it to our non-emergency number (909) 350-7700 or our Traffic Unit for Commercial enforcement if it is an ongoing issue (909) 350-7770.

- **What about large box trucks, are they allowed to be parked on the street?** Lt. Tusant advised they are considered commercial vehicles so no they are not allowed to be parked in a residential area. We can have the Traffic Unit go out if you provide the location.
- **Advised she has called on a box truck before and was told by the dispatcher that it was a CHP or Sheriff's issue.** Lt. Tusant advised that shouldn't have happened unless the area you were calling about was not in our jurisdiction. We don't refer city issues to another department.
- **Advised it seems the Prius lot has moved to Randall.**
- **With the State of California changing the ADU laws, there are so many cars parked on the street. Some homes have 9 to 10 cars for one property. There should be some wording in the city ordinance that requires the parking for those ADU's to be on the property and not the street.**
- **On the west side of Alder just south of Merrill, the school traffic is horrible. People are blocking all the lanes so that some vehicles have to drive in the opposite direction of traffic just to get around the school. The traffic that is blocking all of Alder. The school should be required to unload the students on the north side of the property in order to clear the traffic off of Alder.**
- **She has a neighbor who constantly parks in front of their mailboxes and on the wrong side of the street. Is there anything that can be done about that?** Lt. Tusant advised unfortunately, there is no law that says they can't park in front of mailboxes and sometimes when the mailboxes are blocked the mailman will refuse to deliver your mail, however, there is a law regarding parking on the wrong side of the street, that could be something that officers could issue a citation for.
- **What is being done with loud exhausts throughout the city?** Lt. Tusant advised just recently we were given back the opportunity to cite vehicles to a California State Referee. The Referee can inspect the vehicle to determine whether it is in compliance with the state emissions standards or exhaust noise standards. The referee makes them repair the vehicle and if they don't the vehicle can get smashed.
- **Are minibikes allowed to be on the road?** Lt. Tusant advised they are not.
- **Asked what about E-bikes? Do you have to wear a helmet?** Lt. Tusant advised anyone riding an e-bike must adhere to the same laws as a bicycle.
- **When will Sierra construction be completed?** Traffic Engineering Ruben Hovanesian said the anticipated completion date is the end of April but more than likely May/June.
- **Catawba needs more lighting; it is extremely dark in the area.** Traffic Engineering Ruben Hovanesian mentioned it can be reported on the 311 system but there is certain criteria that has to be met in order for a new light be installed. He can check out the area and if it warrants a new light to be installed, he will work with Edison to see if they will be able to install it, if the city has to install it the funds are very limited, and the work is placed in priority order.
- **Is Slover and Poplar part of Area 3 because he would like to see about getting a signal light at that intersection?** Lt. Tusant advised it is not, that is Area 4. Traffic Engineering Ruben Hovanesian stated he would be the one to take that request for Area 4 so he made a note of it.
- **Is it possible to get sidewalks on Marygold from Palmetto to Alder. Also requested sidewalks in the area of Randall and Alder.** Public Works Rob Rigby advised most curbs, gutters and sidewalks that are being installed currently are being done near schools for safety reasons. Advised he will check out the areas to see if they are on the list to be completed.
- **What do you do if your vehicle has been damaged by a pothole in the city?** Public Works Rob Rigby advised with all the rain we have had, there was a lot of damage to the roads. We currently have 2 pothole trucks working daily trying to fill in all the damage. If your vehicle has been damaged by one of the potholes, you can submit a claim with the City Clerk's office. The claim will be forwarded to him, he will look at the complaint and determine if there was a pothole or is a pothole in the area that could have caused damage to your vehicle and the report will be sent back to the City Clerk's office to determine

payout. Currently there are 82 potholes that have been reported within the city and getting more reports in daily.

- **How do they report a city tree that needs to be trimmed?** You can report a city tree that needs to be trimmed on the City's 311 system.
- **What is the teenager curfew?** According to the City Municipal Code 16-2(b) it is unlawful for any juvenile to remain in any public place or on the premises of any establishment in the city between the hours of 10pm of any day and the sunrise of the following day unless the juvenile is accompanied by the juvenile's parent; on an errand at the direction of the juvenile's parents, in a motor vehicle in interstate travel, engaged in an employment activity, involved in an emergency, or attending an official school, religious, or recreational activity that is supervised by one or more adults and sponsored by the city.
- **On Deodar there is a portion of the street that keeps seeping water.** Public Works Rob Rigby asked for the address and advised he will take a look at it but also advised to call him when it is happening.
- **Tell us about OP Live.** Lt. Tusant advised OP Live is a tv show called On Patrol Live and it is usually on streaming services and Reel TV. They are usually out with our officers Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. They came to us from Fullerton and were with Fullerton for approximately 8 months. As of right now there is no date of when they will no longer be with us and for the most part they are live but there is approximately about a 20 minute delay. The show originated on the East Coast. West Coast and East Coast law enforcement are completely different so it is nice to hear when they are surprised by the way we handle things compared to how they would be handled on the east coast. They offer a live play by play similar to how they do for sports events, but they go over and critique what our officers do live as it is happening.
- **What happens if you don't want to be shown on that tv show?** You're in public so there isn't much that you can do except take it up with the television show.
- **When should she report a vandalism. She lives in an HOA and there is one house that constantly has graffiti because it is on the corner.** Lt. Tusant advised the homeowner should be the one who reports the vandalism if it is on their house. You can report graffiti or vandalism by calling our non-emergency dispatch number to have an officer go out there to make a report. You are also able to report vandalism on our website through CopLogic. Code Compliance Officer Cynthia Gil advised Code Compliance has been receiving a lot of vandalism calls on private property and it is the owner's responsibility to get rid of the graffiti if it is on private property. If you need resources sometimes Calvary Chapel has assisted elderly and sick community members when there is graffiti on their property.

Next Meeting

August 12, 2024 at 6:30pm at The Fontana Senior Center (16710 Ceres Avenue)