

MINUTES

Area 1 Community Meeting

March 6, 2025 6:30 PM Sierra Lakes Elementary School Area Commander Lt. Kyle Slusser

In Attendance

Lt. Kyle Slusser, Officer S. Cory, Public Works Sergio Quiroz, Code Compliance Inspector Efrain Gonzalez, Code Compliance Daniel Franco, Traffic Engineering Ruben Hovanesian, Engineering Project Coordinator Shawn Matejcek, Community Policing Technician Amber Smith, and K-Fon Vanessa Antekeier

Area Commander Lt. Kyle Slusser

- Information about Lt. Slusser:
 - He has worked 20 years in law enforcement.
 - Worked various assignments throughout the department.
 - Has been the Area Commander for approximately 16 months.
 - 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

	January 2025
Calls for Service	1173
Priority 1 Response Time	5:58
Group A Offenses	65
Crimes against Persons	10
Crimes against Property	50
Crimes against Society	5
Reports Taken	143
Arrests	49

Group	Jan	Feb	March	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Crime against Person	20	11	8	11	13	16	24	18	17	23	2	12	192
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Forcible Rape	1	0	2	0	0	1	3	1	0	3	2	3	16

Nonforcible Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Agg. Assault	0	3	0	4	5	2	6	2	3	7	2	0	34
Simple Assault	14	6	5	5	6	13	15	13	14	12	16	9	128
Intimidation	5	2	1	2	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	13
Kidnapping	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
Human Trafficking	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crimes against Property	53	69	45	67	56	64	55	50	43	49	63	45	662
Robbery	1	2	3	2	1	1	1	0	1	1	3	4	18
Burglary	3	6	4	3	4	6	4	2	6	1	3	5	46
Larceny	33	40	34	42	30	41	29	28	21	33	41	24	399
Motor Vehicle Theft	3	9	3	5	10	8	3	8	5	3	5	3	65
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Destruction of Property	4	4	1	1	4	1	6	4	3	3	6	4	41
Counterfeiting/Forgery	1	1	0	2	0	0	5	0	0	1	1	0	11
Fraud	3	5	0	6	2	2	4	5	3	2	2	4	37
Embezzlement	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Extortion/Blackmail	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
Bribery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stolen Property	5	2	0	6	4	5	2	3	4	4	2	4	41
Crimes against Society	6	1	6	9	4	2	7	9	12	8	5	5	74
Drugs	3	0	2	3	2	1	2	6	3	4	4	2	32
Drugs Equipment	2	1	3	5	1	0	2	2	5	4	1	3	29
Gambling	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pornography	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Prostitution	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Weapons	1	0	1	1	0	1	2	1	4	0	0	0	11
Animal Cruelty	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total	79	81	59	86	74	84	86	77	72	80	88	62	928

- Efrain Gonzalez has 19 years with the city.
- Code Compliance conducts Weed Abatement twice a year. First is spring which starts in April and the second is Fall which starts in October.
- The city annexed the weed abatement program from the county in 1991. Two weeks prior to the program starting each season we put it out in publication in newspapers and a week prior we make sure to put it out on our social media platforms.
- Inspectors inspect all 70,000 parcels within the city limits and look for hazardous conditions involving weeds and trash on the property.
- When an inspector identifies a property that has weeds or/and trash on the property a notice is issued and mailed out to the property owner.
- The property owner will then have 30 days to get the property into compliance, if compliance is reached then the case will be closed. If the property remains out of compliance, then a warrant can be issued for the property giving our city contractor permission to go onto the property to remove the weeds and trash. The property owner is then billed for all the city's expenses to get the work done.
- In the October weed abatement, we do not allow discing for the larger lots because that can create a fire hazard.
- If you receive a weed abatement notice and need more time to bring your property into compliance the best thing for you to do is call and speak with your inspector. We do not mind giving extensions when they are needed.

Traffic Officer Shawn Cory

- Electric Bikes continue to be an issue. Not only in Fontana but all over the state.
- We have received complaints specifically at Duncan Canyon and Rosena Park West.
- We currently have 5 motor officers for the city who have been tasked with working on these types of issues.
- We usually don't know about issues until we get a call that is happening.
- These electric bikes have been doing take overs and we are currently working on a strike team to do enforcement. We will be impounding the bikes when we can, but our goal is to educate them.

Questions

- **For weed abatement, what is considered a violation?** Inspector Gonzalez advised we are looking for any weeds on the property that are an inch or taller, most inspectors use their discretion, when looking for unmaintained properties.
- **Does the city have any resources for the elderly to assist them with weed abatement?** Inspector Gonzalez we usually refer people to Water of Life Church for resources, they have been really good at helping people who need assistance; however the city does not have any resources to help.
- **Does weed abatement include overgrown trees?** Inspector Gonzalez advised it does not, it is just weeds and trash. But a regular Code Case can be opened up for overgrown trees.
- **What else does Code Compliance do for the city, besides weed abatement?** Inspector Gonzalez advised they enforce the whole municipal code but mainly deal with property maintenance, business license issues, trash on property, unpermitted building etc.
- **Have seen an adult riding an electric bike on the sidewalk throughout the neighborhoods.** Officer Cory advised with these bikes you still have to follow the laws of the road; you have to abide by the stop signs etc.
- **These bikes are advertised for kids but their safety pamphlet says you need to be 19 to ride the bike.**

- **Traffic is a nightmare around the schools, knows the district has their own police department but what is their involvement with the schools.** Officer Cory advised School Police currently have 2 motor officers and we assist them when we are needed. They have approximately 54 schools to oversee and they are spread really thin.
- **What about the other school districts within the city do they have their own police departments.** Officer Cory advised Colton School District does not have their own school pd but Etiwanda does. We will address the issues when they come up usually.
- **Is there a speed limit for wheelchairs?** Officer Cory advised if there is an issue with someone on a wheelchair on the city streets let him know and we can talk to them. The limit would be whatever is safe for the condition.
- **There is a constant problem at the intersection by the school, does the pd help with crossing guards?** If there is a problem with the flow of traffic, our officers will go out and help to alleviate the issue with the flow of traffic. If we have to educate the crossing guard on how to properly cross people, we will help them and make suggestions to them.
- **Her son would like to ride his bike to school, however there is no crosswalk at Cypress and Summit.** Ruben with Traffic Engineering advised any requests like that can be made on the Fontana's 311 system, it will get the process started and helps to get updates on your request as well.
- **Is there a way for the city to plan for the crosswalks to the school since we already know there is a school going in that area.** Ruben with Traffic Engineering advised sometimes we have to wait for the developer to get done and release the property to the city in order to install the crosswalks however in some cases the developer is responsible to install the crosswalks, so it just depends on the project.
- **Summit at Pinehurst has been a racetrack. From Augusta, left on Pinehurst, usually Pinehurst has a huge backup of cars, people cutting through the neighborhood thinking it is quicker.** Officer Cory advised that is something traffic can take a look at.
- **With the new school coming in on Citrus, is it going to take some of the kids from Sierra Lakes.** Ruben with Traffic Engineering advised that is the intent, the one going in at Citrus/Duncan Canyon will be an elementary school and the boundaries will overlap with Sierra Lakes Elementary School and some kids will be going there.
- **How are homes allowed to be built before schools are even planned? How much say does the city have to slow down development until new schools are planned out.** Lt. Slusser advised the city has all the power. He suggested she attend a planning commission meeting to voice her concerns with the planning of communities and schools. The school district has their own plan that is separate from the city and usually they have to wait until there is a need for a school in order for a school to built.
- **How hard would it be to get speed bumps on Augusta?** Ruben with Traffic Engineering advised they are a good tool however we have other tools that we can utilize before we get to speed humps. The problem with speed humps is that it not only slows traffic down but is also slows first responders down as well. But the first step would be to submit the request on Fontana 311 and we will get the data we need and see how we can proceed in that area.
- **Is a stop sign an option at Pinehurst and Summit?** Ruben with Traffic Engineering advised stop signs and traffic signals need to be warranted, so Traffic Engineering will look into the number of vehicles in that area, the speed at which they are traveling and would it help the situation in that area or would it cause a hazard if one was installed.
- **When will Casa Grande be opened?** Ruben with Traffic Engineering advised he is anticipating closer to summer so maybe 3 to 4 months from now.
- **The Amazon Fresh parking lot is small and she has almost been hit several times . There are no stop signs in the parking lot and there is a blind spot near the Starbucks.** Ruben with Traffic Engineering advised parking lots are considered private property and we do not have the authority to change striping or add any signs. Ruben advised he will look at the parking lot and see if there is anywhere, he can make

suggestions to the property owner to help make traffic flow better and safer for everyone. If there is a major problem, we can get Code Compliance involved to get the owner the information to fix the issues.

- **Does the city anticipate with the new middle school going in on Citrus at Casa Grande will it help to alleviate some of the truck traffic once the school traffic is in the area.** Ruben with Traffic Engineering advised there are no intentions of ever making Citrus north of the 210 freeway a truck route, there should be 3 signs that were installed to let truckers know that is not a designated truck route. Officer Cory advised the Traffic Unit will continue to work that area and we are getting a new Commercial truck Officer which should help to enforce the truck route as well, he is pretty sure that is one of the areas that will be a hot spot for the Commercial Enforcement Officer.
- **Coming out of the truck stop in Rialto, are trucks supposed to be going towards Sierra or are they only supposed to be getting on the freeway right there in Rialto.** Ruben with Traffic Engineering advised they are not supposed to be coming towards Fontana unless they have official business on the road they are travelling on but to use it as a truck route they are not supposed to be doing that and should be getting on the 210 from right there in Rialto.

Next Meeting

July 10th @ 6:30 PM at **Jesse Turner Center (15556 Summit Avenue)**

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