



To the Mayor and Members of the City Council

March 5, 2024

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SUBJECT: 2019-2023 FIREWORKS CALLS FOR 4TH OF JULY AND NEW YEARS

The purpose of this Informal Report is to provide information on the number of fireworks calls for the 4th of July and New Year's holidays for the past five years. The request also includes a heat map for each holiday by year.

First and foremost, it is important to point out that fireworks can be dangerous and are illegal to possess in the City of Fort Worth. There are significant fines associated when an individual is caught violating this law.

For the purpose of this report, the date ranges used are the 3-4th of July and December 31-January 1st with the yearly totals for 2019 through 2023. The information provided is from calls received through the Fort Worth Police Communications Division as well as calls received through the call center that is managed by the Fort Worth Fire Department. This information was combined for this report in order to provide a holistic look at all fireworks calls across the city. The chart below provides the number of calls by Patrol Division as well as Council District.

POLICE AND FIRE FIREWORKS CALLS											
	July 3-4					Dec 31-Jan 1					TOTALS
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
PATROL DIVISION											
North	202	406	419	479	622	37	18	63	164	145	2555
Northwest	92	268	175	296	220	91	9	84	114	94	1443
West	92	217	143	246	277	13	6	45	96	73	1208
Central	44	106	60	74	166	8	5	38	70	56	627
East	142	263	263	353	369	23	4	82	107	96	1702
South	230	594	460	531	783	41	16	136	187	163	3141
TOTALS	802	1854	1520	1979	2437	213	58	448	738	627	
COUNCIL DISTRICT											
2	29	190	142	151	113	82	9	45	61	35	857
3	45	122	82	133	138	7	3	27	67	45	669
4	86	124	135	180	142	5	3	12	46	58	791
5	93	209	189	252	228	10	4	68	67	57	1177
6	106	275	168	213	320	13	6	41	64	39	1245
7	77	201	115	254	224	14	7	57	72	76	1097
8	107	217	224	245	313	23	1	64	83	89	1366
9	48	182	107	125	288	12	13	34	87	67	963
10	107	211	221	249	440	29	11	41	104	78	1491
11	84	123	137	177	231	18	1	59	87	83	1000
TOTALS	782	1854	1520	1979	2437	213	58	448	738	627	

When analyzing the information on the above listed charts, there were some significant increases in fireworks calls from 2019 to 2023. However, when evaluating the most recent 2-year time



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frame, all patrol divisions except Northwest saw an increase in the number of calls for fireworks for the 3rd-4th of July from 2022 to 2023. Conversely, we saw a decrease in the number of fireworks calls for all patrol divisions for December 31-January 1 from 2022 to 2023.

When these numbers are broken down by smaller Council Districts compared to the larger patrol divisions there is a different pattern that emerges. Council Districts 2, 4, 5, and 7 saw decreases in the calls for fireworks for the 3rd-4th of July from 2022 to 2023. While there was an increase in number of fireworks calls in Council Districts 4, 7, and 8 for December 31-January 1 from 2022 to 2023. Even though these numbers only give a snapshot regarding the issue of fireworks, it provides enough context to see what impact our efforts are having trying to address the problem.

Patrol Division	July 3-4		% Increase/Decrease	Dec 31-Jan 1		% Increase/Decrease
	2022	2023		2022	2023	
North	479	622	30%	164	145	-12%
Northwest	296	220	-26%	114	94	-18%
West	246	277	13%	96	73	-23%
Central	74	166	124%	70	56	-29%
East	353	369	5%	107	96	-10%
South	531	783	47%	187	163	-13%
TOTALS	1979	2437	23%	738	627	-15%
COUNCIL DISTRICT						
2	151	113	-25%	61	35	-43%
3	133	138	4%	67	45	-33%
4	180	142	-21%	46	58	26%
5	252	228	-10%	67	57	-15%
6	213	320	50%	64	39	-39%
7	254	224	-11%	72	76	6%
8	245	313	28%	83	89	7%
9	125	288	130%	87	67	-22%
10	249	440	77%	104	78	-25%
11	177	231	31%	87	83	-5%
TOTALS	1979	2437	23%	738	627	-15%

The heat maps for the fireworks calls by year have been attached at the end of this report. Additional questions or information requests should be directed to Executive Assistant Chief Robert Alldredge at 817-392-4131.

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