

**To the Mayor and Members of the City Council**

**August 6, 2019**

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**SUBJECT: JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> FIREWORKS PATROLS**

The Fort Worth Fire Department initiated a series of fireworks patrols starting on Wednesday, July 3rd and concluding on Sunday, July 6<sup>th</sup>. The fireworks patrol was a collaborative enforcement effort that included the Fire Department Arson & Bomb Unit, Emergency Management Office, Fire Communications Office, Community Risk Reduction, and the Bureau of Fire Prevention.

The primary objective of the fireworks detail was to ensure Fire Operations resources were available to respond to higher priority fire, rescue, and emergency medical incidents. The enforcement objective of the fireworks detail was to support Fort Worth Police Department patrol elements in the confiscation of fireworks and the issuance of General Complaint Citations for violations of City Ordinance Section 3301.1.3 which prohibits the sale, use, and possession of fireworks within the city limits. Officer safety concerns limited the number of citations issued and the number of fireworks confiscated.

Fireworks patrol units responded citywide to calls for service, however, many locations, including Berry at Edgewood, and the Ash Crescent neighborhood were deemed unsafe for fireworks patrol units by the Fort Worth Police Department. As a result, the detail was unable to effect enforcement in these areas. Arson units assisted with multiple fire investigations, injuries, assaults, and citizens' complaints; all were suspected to be related to fireworks or unlawful gathering.

Below is Enforcement Data for illegal fireworks activity during the 2019 July 4<sup>th</sup> Patrols.

**The five-day total for 2019: 2836 calls for service compared to 2798 call in 2018.**

| Date         | EMO Call Center | Online Requests | Fire 9-1-1 System | Police 9-1-1 System | Total       |
|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------|
| July 3       | 119             | 47              | 12                | 9                   | 187         |
| July 4       | 1370            | 558             | 24                | 277                 | 2229        |
| July 5       | 158             | 30              | 0                 | 46                  | 234         |
| July 6       | 73              | 20              | 0                 | 39                  | 132         |
| July 7       | 30              | 9               | 0                 | 15                  | 54          |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>1637</b>     | <b>664</b>      | <b>36</b>         | <b>386</b>          | <b>2836</b> |

**Citations & Fireworks Confiscation:**

- The Fireworks Detail issued one citation during the detail and confiscated 5 lbs. of fireworks.
- The department increased its efforts to educate the public about the dangers of fireworks using social media, print, and television outlets. Wildfires, structure fires, and personal injury are common results of illegal fireworks use, and the storage of fireworks increases the risk to occupants of a building and firefighters during any structure fire.



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**Costs estimate for Fire Department personnel: \$44,606.00**

| <b>Date</b>   | <b>Arson/Bomb Unit</b> | <b>Community Risk Reduction</b> | <b>Fire Communications</b> | <b>Total</b>       |
|---------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>July 3</b> | <i>\$8,160.00</i>      | <i>\$676.50</i>                 | <i>\$3750.00</i>           | <i>\$12,586.50</i> |
| <b>July 4</b> | <i>\$ 10,200.00</i>    | <i>\$676.50</i>                 | <i>\$3750.00</i>           | <i>\$14526.50</i>  |
| <b>July 5</b> | <i>\$5,400.00</i>      | <i>\$676.50</i>                 | <i>\$3750.00</i>           | <i>\$9826.50</i>   |
| <b>July 6</b> | <i>\$3240.00</i>       | <i>\$676.50</i>                 | <i>\$3750.00</i>           | <i>\$7666.50</i>   |
| <b>July 7</b> | <i>--</i>              | <i>--</i>                       | <i>--</i>                  | <i>--</i>          |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>\$27,000.00</b>     | <b>\$2706.75</b>                | <b>\$15,000.00</b>         | <b>\$44,606.00</b> |

**Calls by Council District:**

| <b>Council Member</b>    | <b>Jul 3</b> | <b>Jul 4</b> | <b>Jul 5</b> | <b>Jul 6</b> | <b>Jul 7</b> | <b>Total</b> |
|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>2 - Carlos Flores</b> | 11           | 212          | 19           | 45           | 4            | <b>291</b>   |
| <b>3 - Brian Byrd</b>    | 29           | 206          | 22           | 12           | 6            | <b>275</b>   |
| <b>4 - Cary Moon</b>     | 22           | 256          | 23           | 19           | 1            | <b>321</b>   |
| <b>5 - Gyna Bivens</b>   | 27           | 255          | 32           | 8            | 5            | <b>327</b>   |
| <b>6 - Jungus</b>        | 29           | 370          | 51           | 8            | 13           | <b>471</b>   |
| <b>7 - Dennis</b>        | 32           | 334          | 19           | 22           | 7            | <b>414</b>   |
| <b>8 - Kelly Allen</b>   | 18           | 385          | 45           | 8            | 10           | <b>466</b>   |
| <b>9 - Ann Zadeh</b>     | 18           | 206          | 23           | 10           | 8            | <b>265</b>   |
| <b>(Empty)</b>           | 1            | 5            | -            | -            | -            | <b>6</b>     |
| <b>Grand total</b>       | <b>187</b>   | <b>2,229</b> | <b>234</b>   | <b>132</b>   | <b>54</b>    | <b>2,836</b> |

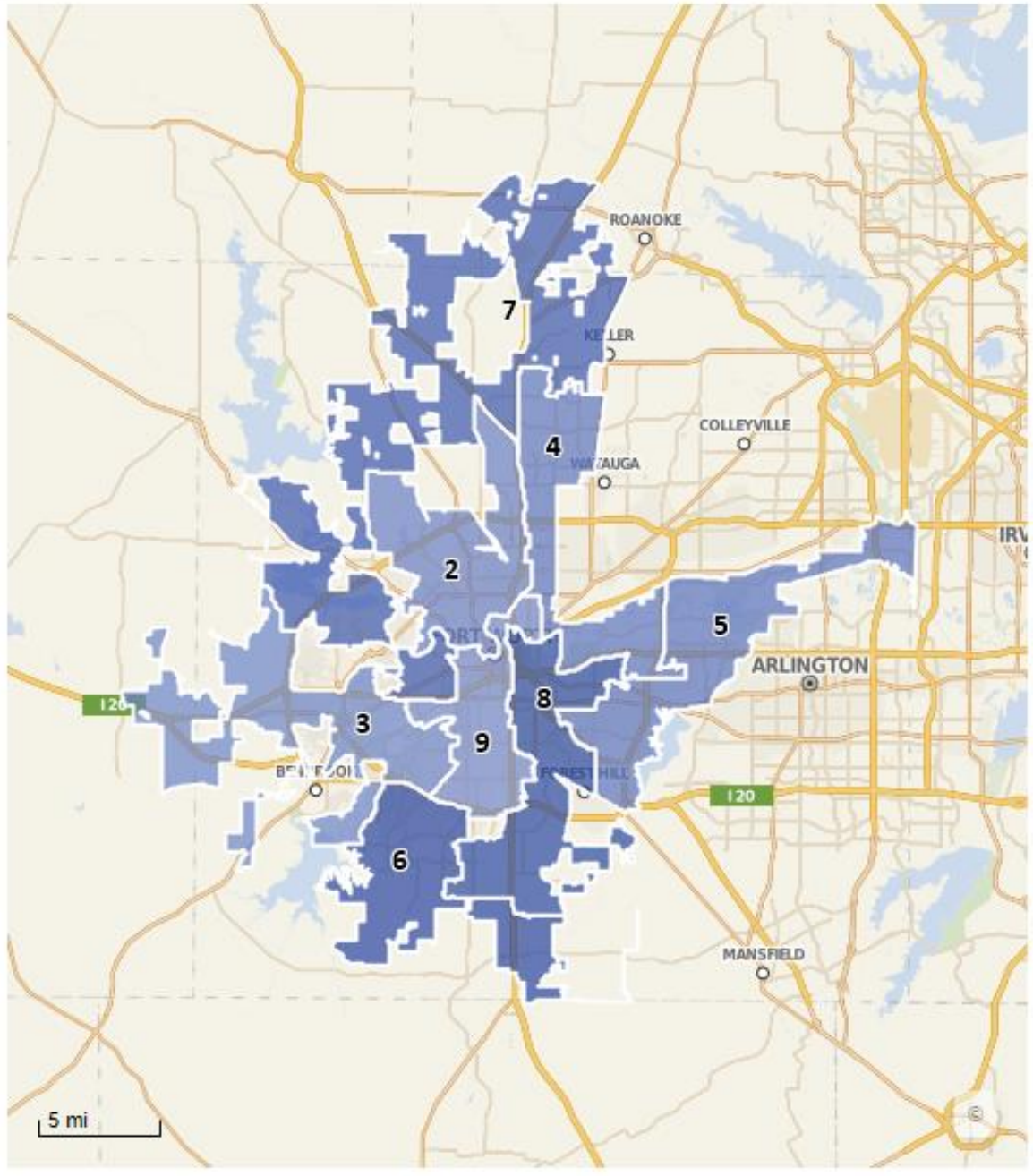
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