# City of SeaTac July 4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks Education & Enforcement

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## Purpose

- Provide information to SeaTac residents and the general public that Fireworks are prohibited in the city, SMC 5.35
- Respond to 911 calls for Fireworks complaints
- Proactive neighborhood patrols
- Fireworks violations cite and confiscate illegal fireworks

## Background - 2011

- Citizen complaints –Fireworks violations
- Limited police staffing to handle the complaints
- Only one joint police and fire patrol unit was available to patrol the city
- ❖2012 Decision card requested a Joint Police and Fire Department Fireworks Emphasis Patrol for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July
- Budget approved for Patrol, Public Education & Community Meetings, Mailings, Signage and Reports

#### **Public Education**

- International Festival Public Safety Booth Fireworks informational handouts
- Two Postcards sent to residents
  - Summer in the Park (Fireworks prohibited notation listed)
  - No Fireworks Allowed (Information same as poster)
- Posters and information distributed in community – businesses, apartment complexes, blockwatches, government facilities, city facilities

## Public Education - Signage

- 4 Fireworks Prohibited signs to be posted at City of SeaTac Parks entrances
- Schools posting "no fireworks" on their reader boards
- 100 corrugated plastic signs posted throughout city – 5 commonly used languages (per Highline School District)

English Somali

Spanish Samoan

Russian

#### Press Release

- Distributed to media
- Provided to Burien and SeaTac Blogs
- Updated information on SeaTV
- Updated information on City of SeaTac Website
- City Manager's Weekly Update

#### Other Deterrent Actions

- Parks Department lights on at all parks
- School Property recommendation made to keep lights on at their playfields or parking lots (Highline School District and Private Schools)
- Angle Lake Boat Patrol Dock & Talk with property owners

## King County Sheriff's Office

- General Information Bulletin distributed to staff for all Fireworks County Codes or City Ordinances – banned or allowed
- 911 Communications Center has patrol response protocols for county and all contracted cities

## Staffing on 4<sup>th</sup> of July

- Overtime 10 hour shift working 2:00 PM to 12:00 AM (midnight)
- Two Joint Police & Fire Patrol Units
- One Joint Police & Fire Boat Unit (Angle Lake Park)
- Three police officers working a Park Patrol assignment in the city including the Fireworks show that evening

#### **Costs**

Overtime \$6,000 (estimate)

Signage \$ 330

Postcards \$1,570

Postage <u>\$1674</u>

Total \$9574

Budgeted \$10,000 (approved decision card)

<sup>\*</sup>Budget does not include the Park Patrol staff working that day

## Questions?