



## 2017 Fireworks Enforcement Update

Fire Department

City Council  
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### PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

On May 17, 2017, the Public Safety Committee received an update on fireworks education and enforcement activities and unanimously voted to recommend that the update be forwarded to the City Council.



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## BACKGROUND

1. The manufacturing, possession, storage, use and handling of fireworks is prohibited in the City of Riverside under Section 16.32.100 of the Riverside Municipal Code (RMC).
2. Fire and Police to work together July 1<sup>st</sup> – July 4<sup>th</sup> to provide public outreach and fireworks patrol enforcement teams throughout the City.



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## RMC ADDITIONS

1. **RMC Chapter 1.18, Section 1.18.040 Penalties:** Admin Citation in the amount of \$1,000.
2. **RMC Chapter 16.32, Section 104.1.1 Citations:** Fire code official and his or her designee are authorized to issue a citation.
3. **RMC Chapter 16.32, Section 16.32.080 Assistance from Other Agencies:** Authority to render assistance with investigation of fires/enforcement when requested to do so.



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## FIREWORKS ACTION PLAN

1. RFD, RPD and Riverside TV to develop a Public Service Announcement (PSA) on fireworks dangers.
2. "Fireworks are Illegal" fliers, signs and inserts distributed throughout the City.
3. RFD and RPD will use social media outlets to identify illegal fireworks sales activity.



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## FIREWORKS ACTION PLAN

4. Partnership between RFD and RPD to issue administrative citations for fireworks violations.
5. City Marketing staff to develop handouts for distribution to schools via RPD School Resource Officers.
6. RFD and RPD staff will continue to attend community events to provide education on dangers associated with fireworks.



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## **FIREWORKS ACTION PLAN**

7. RFD and RPD will bring in additional staffing the evening of July 4<sup>th</sup>.
8. Fire management staff will be on duty and available on-call for emergencies.



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## **Recommendations**

That the City Council receive and file this informational report on fireworks enforcement efforts.



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