



2017 Fireworks Enforcement Update

Fire Department

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, Police and Code Enforcement worked together June 23rd – July 4th to provide public outreach and fireworks patrol enforcement teams throughout the City.



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NOVEMBER 2016 ADDITIONS TO RMC

1. Increased fines from \$500 to \$1,000.
2. Parents, guardians, or others in custody or control of any person under the age of 18, are subject to receiving an administrative citation in addition to the citation issued to an offending minor.
3. Property owners who knowingly allow fireworks activity on their property are subject to receiving an administrative citation.
4. In addition to Fire and Code Enforcement personnel, Police officers may issue these citations.



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PUBLIC OUTREACH

1. RFD, RPD and Riverside TV developed several Public Service Announcements on fireworks dangers.
2. "Fireworks are Illegal" fliers, signs and inserts were distributed throughout the City, and inserted in June utilities mailer.
3. RFD and RPD used social media outlets and online to identify illegal fireworks sales activity.



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PUBLIC OUTREACH CONTINUED

4. A "Fireworks" option was added to the 311 App to provide citizens with another option to report activity.
5. Warning Letters with the "Fireworks are Illegal" flyer were hand carried to addresses reported to be involved with fireworks.
6. A \$1,000 reward was offered for information leading to the determination of the identify of, and the apprehension of, any person or persons responsible for willful misconduct involving the use of illegal fireworks resulting in injury or death to any person or destruction of property.



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ILLEGAL FIREWORKS ACTIVITY BY YEAR

Year	Calls for Service 911	Fires	Injuries	Citations	Patrol Contacts	Fireworks Confiscated
2015	768	10	0	29	205	620 lbs.
2016	955	9	6	20	160	780 lbs.
2017	746	15	1	126	304	805 lbs.



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ADMINISTRATIVE CITATIONS

The Fireworks Task Force, including staff from Fire, Police and Code Enforcement issued 126 Administrative Citations and made various warnings for violations.

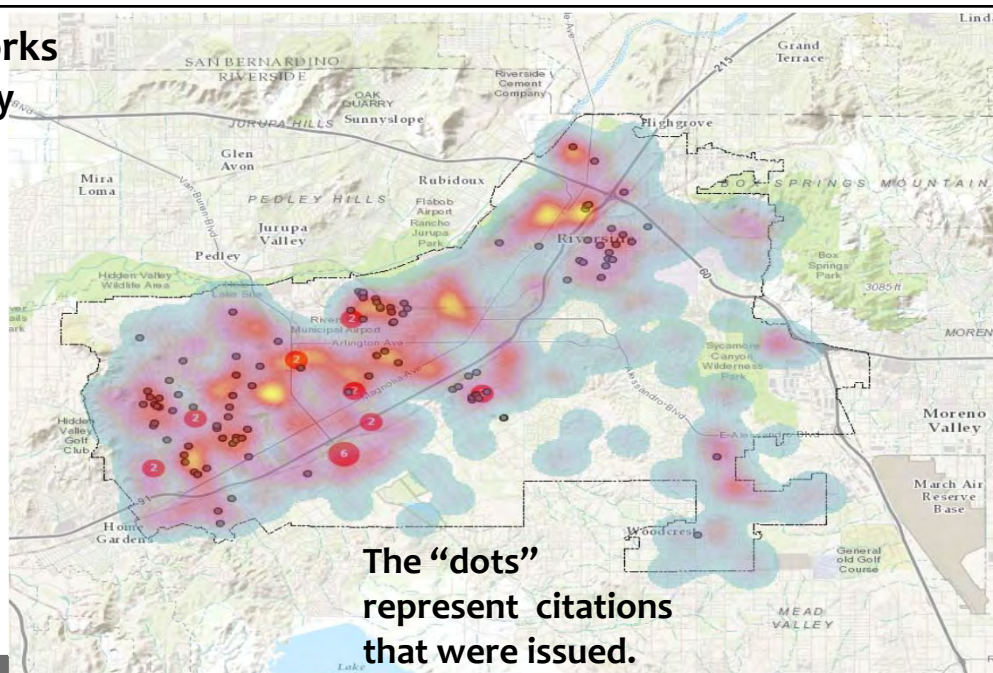
Administrative Citation Status	Quantity	Payment Received
Paid in full:	22	\$22,000
Payment Plan Set Up:	20	\$4,212
Appealed	11	\$0
Sent to Collections:	73	\$0
Total:	126	\$26,212



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Fireworks Activity



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ADMINISTRATIVE CITATIONS

Neighborhood	Count
Airport	18
Arlanza	6
Arlington Heights	1
Arlington South	7
Casa Blanca	13
Downtown	5
Eastside	14
Grand	1
Hunter Industrial Park	1
La Sierra	24
La Sierra	1
La Sierra Acres	8
La Sierra Hills	4
La Sierra South	3
Magnolia Center	2
Mission Grove	1
Northside	2
Orangecrest	1
Presidential Park	2
Ramona	11
University	1
Total Cites	126

Date	# OF CITES ISSUED
Friday, June 23, 2017	4
Saturday, June 24, 2017	3
Tuesday, June 27, 2017	2
Wednesday, June 28, 2017	1
Thursday, June 29, 2017	6
Friday, June 30, 2017	2
Saturday, July 01, 2017	12
Sunday, July 02, 2017	11
Monday, July 03, 2017	19
Tuesday, July 04, 2017	66

GRAND TOTALS	
Ward	Count
1	9
2	14
3	20
4	16
5	17
6	27
7	23
Total Cites	126



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RECOMMENDATIONS

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

SERIOUSLY. NO FIREWORKS. ZERO.

FIREWORKS ARE ILLEGAL IN THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE
 MINIMUM FINE: \$1,000
 NO FIREWORKS ARE ALLOWED IN RIVERSIDE

WHY ARE THEY BAD?

- INJURIES
- FIRE HAZARD
- SCARED CHILDREN
- SCARED PETS

For family-friendly 4th of July activities, visit RiversideCA.gov/Calendar



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