

FOURTH OF JULY COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN

2012

ITEM NO. F.4

Introduction

The Capistrano Bay District is entrusted with the responsibility of providing for the safety of its property owners and guests. As the population of the community quadruples over the Fourth of July holiday it is essential to have an effective and comprehensive plan in place to deal with the increase in problems that arise from fireworks violations, recreational beach fires, speeding motorists, illegal parking and loose dogs.

Each year we learn from the mistakes and the successes of the prior year. The following community safety plan strives to address the concerns voiced by property owners each year. The safety plan outlines instructions for equipment, personnel training, scheduling and public awareness that are essential to a safe and successful Fourth of July.

Due to mechanical problems experienced over the past two seasons with the ATV's used on the beach, the Board concluded after last season to drop the use of ATV's and go with officers on foot. With the savings on the equipment rental costs, the District can expand the beach patrol to five officers. Additionally, the Board has opted to *no longer employ armed officers out on the beach*. With the officers on foot, there will be no more headlights and motor noise to indicate their location – these are significant changes that are intended to improve the effectiveness of the District's safety program.

SECTION I – TIDES-WEATHER-CALENDAR FORECAST

The holiday this year lands just one night after the full-moon lunar phase so the tides will be at their maximum. The early high tide is at 11:07 AM and the late high tide is at 10:17 PM (7 feet). The foot-patrol officers on the beach will have much better access through the evening than in previous years as they can easily walk higher up on the beach around the wave run-up. The weather this year is dryer and warmer so we can expect a long hot afternoon and a warmer evening – which tends to keep people more active. With the holiday landing on a Wednesday this year there may be less activity given that most people will have to get to work the following day but security will be expecting a busy afternoon and evening, nonetheless.

SECTION II – SPECIAL EQUIPMENT

No ATV's, helmets, gloves, fuel, fuel cans, oil, extra batteries, charger, tools, trailer, tie-down straps, etc. this year.

Rent 10 Motorola HT750 hand radios with chargers and external mics/earphones

We get these directly through the services of Securitas which forms a part of the overall service contract for the holiday event. Contact Bert Szathmary at 714-647-6408.

Two way radios are essential so that all officers on duty, and the Manager, can listen to the back and forth communications (talk-around) and respond accordingly. However, any calls for emergency must go to **911** after dispatching our officers. The District does not have the radio license for accessing the Orange County Control One emergency broadcast system so telephone calls to 911 and Sheriff's Dispatch are necessary.

FOURTH OF JULY COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN

2012

Trash Barrel for Fireworks Disposal

A trash barrel must be set up filled about half full with water to immerse any confiscated fireworks. The barrel is to be placed inside the fence of our northgate maintenance yard next to the patrol vehicle parking area and utility water faucet for easy access by officers.

SECTION III - PERSONNEL

District Manager

Manager must be on duty beginning at 3 pm to serve as central watch command to provide authority, direct personnel and oversee activities. All personnel will be instructed to direct all calls for assistance and back up through the Manager for proper deployment of the most immediate resources. Since all staff will be listening via their own two-way radio sets, all calls will be heard simultaneously by everyone on duty. To prevent confusion it will be necessary for a single point of command to control who responds to the scene. The manager will be within radio-call proximity in the community through the day and evening until activity quiets down, typically around 10 PM when most guests and vehicles have left the community.

The Manager and key security personnel will meet on Tuesday May 29th with the Dana Point Police and the Orange County Fire Authority to discuss the City's implementation of its safety plan and how those resources will be set up throughout the City, especially regarding traffic control at the RR grade crossing and entrance to the County Beach Park.

Patrol

Regular patrol shift schedule only. There is no plan to double up the regularly scheduled Securitas patrol shifts except for a one-hour overlap at shift changes. Patrol responsibilities are the same as during a typical busy summer day or night. Maintaining an open fire lane will be their primary duty. It must be top priority in order to preserve clear and continual access for emergency vehicles. Second to this will be watching for speed violators. Parking control comes next and will be carried out in two ways; if patrol observes a vehicle in the fire lane they will immediately intervene and call for a tow truck if necessary. If a vehicle happens to be in the wrong RR parking space but out of the fire lane it may be left alone until the officer is done with responding to other complaints. It is just too busy to tie up the patrol officers by making this a top priority. Officers will respond on this if they are not tied up with a life-safety issue. Watching for fireworks, illegal beach fires, disorderly conduct and loose dogs will be assigned to the special beach patrol unit of five officers.

Gate and Traffic Control at the Turn-in to our Community Entrance

An extra front gate officer will come on at 10 AM and continue through 10 PM. It is essential to double-team the guard shack during the peak hours to assist with incoming phone calls for guests and complaints, cyclists and pedestrians coming to the gate, etc. As the day gets underway the activity at the gate becomes very busy with hundreds of vehicles coming in and hundreds of telephone calls. At certain times the Sheriff deputy on duty at the county beach park will suddenly close the access gate into the park (usually

FOURTH OF JULY COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN

2012

when he sees a grid-lock forming in the parking lot) which causes an unbelievable traffic jam at the RR grade crossing and intersection. Also, throughout the day the public continually attempts to drive down our driveway looking for parking. This is the time when access into our community is most at risk and it is essential that two traffic officers be present to prevent the jam up of vehicles from overflowing down our driveway. This procedure has worked well over the past two seasons.

Special Beach Patrol (sector boundaries are 35195 – 35391 – 35581 – 35707)

Contract with Securitas for 5 Special Projects Officers to patrol the beach on foot. These special officers are retired law enforcement officers who work special events on contract through Securitas. They are licensed to carry firearms but will conduct an UNARMED patrol of the beach beginning in the afternoon at 3 PM and continuing through 11 PM. The later hours are to assist with traffic control during the great vehicle exodus out of the community immediately following the city's fireworks show and to be a presence for the later party revelers who want to shoot off their explosives after the activity winds down. The officers will be on the beach to watch for, intervene and confiscate illegal fireworks, check beach fires for smoke and proper distance from homes and burned in approved wood burning rings and containers, respond to public disturbances, loose dogs and generally watch for incidents that would require some level of lawful intervention. The beach patrol will be divided into 5 sectors (as noted above) to maximize on the officers' presence in smaller defined areas.

District Police Officer - Armed

OC Sheriff Reserve Deputy Matt Sokol will be on duty in the District police vehicle from 2 PM through 11 PM thus providing 2 patrol officers on the road (in separate vehicles) all afternoon and evening. Deputy Sokol's primary duty will be enforcement of speed but as a POST-certified and trained police officer he will be valuable in responding to complaints requiring more of a show of force and authority. Being on the road in a vehicle will enable him to respond quickly to calls for backup. If additional police aid is required, Dana Point PD dispatch will be immediately contacted – 949-770-6011.

SECTION IV - TRAINING

Fireworks, Intervention and Private Citizen's Arrest Procedures

The District Mgr., Reserve Deputy Sokol and the 5 Securitas Special Officers will be briefed by Dana Point PD regarding illegal fireworks, how to intervene, arrest/citation procedures, intervention, city traffic control policy and meet with city police officers assigned to our end of town. The city will be addressing their Fourth of July Operational Plan in a meeting on May 29th and will coordinate with our District on police, fire & life safety resources designated for the south end of town (Sgt. Brian Irish, 949-248-3551).

Radio Dispatch Coordination

All staff will be instructed to clear all calls for assistance, complaints and questions through the District Manager who will be on duty and in touch by radio and cell phone.

FOURTH OF JULY COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN

2012

Property Owners

Property owners will be urged to contact the District Manager by telephone immediately upon observing trouble of any kind. Property owners have been asked in the past to post their house address numbers on the beach-side so our beach patrol officers can identify their location but this was not well received for privacy reasons. The beach officers should be able to ask someone nearby what the house address is if it is needed.

Beach Bonfires

All officers will be briefed on the regulation and enforcement of District Ordinance No. 06-203, "CONTROLLING RECREATIONAL OUTDOOR WOODBURNING FIRES."

Canine Leash Law

All officers will be briefed to enforce District Ordinance No. 06-122, "REGULATION OF OWNER RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANIMAL NUISANCES."

Speed Control and Parking

District Reserve Deputy Sokol and all Securitas Patrol Officers will be briefed to rigorously enforce the 15 mph speed limit and vehicle parking along the roadway to maintain an open and unobstructed firelane to the greatest extent possible.

Written Reports

All incidents will be carefully documented on all Security Activity Reports (SAR's) through the period and the Securitas Special Officers supervisor will provide a detailed and comprehensive summary report of the holiday event by Friday, July 6th.

SECTION V - PUBLIC AWARENESS

Notice/Flyer Handout

Style an attractive and attention-getting flyer to hand out, post on the bulletin board and as a stuffer for postal mailings.

Notification of Safety Plan

The District must mail/email out a notice after Memorial Day summarizing the Community Safety Plan. Included should be the importance of not blocking the road/firelane along with a strong recommendation urging property owners to contact the District Manager immediately upon witnessing a violation.

Notification of Illegal Fireworks/Beach Fires

There must also be a mailed notice advising the community that fireworks are illegal and will be enforced and that beach fires must comply with Ordinance No. 06-203.

FOURTH OF JULY COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN

2012

CBRA Newsletter and Announcements

The CBRA should include announcements and state its support and endorsement for the District in its efforts to make the beach and community safe through a strong cooperative effort alongside the District.

Dana Point Police Patrol of Beach

Work with the city to have them run their Hummer Police Vehicle down to Poche and back along the beach to give families a sense that the police are nearby to help keep the beach safe.

Orange County Fire Authority

Work with the OCFA to have the Beach Road community included in their fire prevention and public safety program.

2012 FOURTH OF JULY NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS

Dear Beach Road Property Owner,

The Capistrano Bay District is sending this notice to remind you that fireworks are prohibited in Dana Point, including the Beach Road Community. The holiday lands on a Wednesday this year but the District believes this will have no diminishing effect on the excessive activity, in part because it will be a warmer Fourth than last year.

The District does not want to spoil your fun and sense of celebration, but will be working cooperatively to ensure the safety and security of residents and their guests within our community during the holiday celebrations. Our enhanced efforts each year take into consideration feedback we've received from residents regarding the previous year's activity. We appreciate your attention and cooperation in observing the municipal ordinances which help maintain safety and the quality of life in our community.

In the best interests of everyone's safety, the District will again be employing a team of special officers to patrol the beach for dangerous and illegal activity. However, they will be on foot this year, no more ATV's. Also, there will be officers assigned to road patrol to monitor parking along the road to ensure open and clear access for emergency vehicles. Communications among the Securitas staff, special beach patrol and the District Manager will be efficient and effective in dealing with the security and safety of the community. Please remember the following:

- ***Bonfires must be in metal containers and no closer than 30 feet from patios or decks***
- ***If your fire is smokey and a health risk to neighbors, you will be required to put it out***
- ***Fireworks are strictly prohibited***
- ***Dogs must be restrained on a leash at all times***
- ***Speed limit is 15 MPH and is strictly enforced***
- ***Please have your guests park only in your spaces and not that of your neighbors***

**PARKING IN THE NEW AREA BY THE ENTRANCE IS OPEN TO ALL
PARK CLOSE TOGETHER TO MAKE ROOM FOR EVERYONE
PARKING IN THE NORTHGATE AREA IS RESERVED FOR STAFF ONLY**

The District Manager will be on duty on the holiday to coordinate and monitor the safety program. If dangerous activity and problems are developing near you and you feel at risk, you are encouraged to phone the District and one of the seven patrol officers on duty will be dispatched to assist you:

Manager's cell: 714-206-4331 Guard Shack: 949-496-1611

THANK YOU!

NOTICE TO ALL HOMEOWNERS
RENTERS AND VISITORS

FOURTH OF JULY 2012

FIREWORKS
ARE ILLEGAL IN DANA POINT
AND BEACH ROAD

Please be informed that the City of Dana Point prohibits the discharging of fireworks within its city limits including Beach Road. The Orange County Sheriff and the Orange County Fire Authority will be in force this season to carry out the enforcement of the fireworks laws.

Fireworks can be extremely dangerous and the Police and Fire Department take enforcement very seriously. The Capistrano Bay beach is very crowded during the Fourth of July Holiday. Do not endanger the safety of yourself and your neighbors with harmful and illegal fireworks.

For your safety the District will be employing several additional security officers on the Fourth. Through the day and evening there will be 11 officers on duty:

- 2 traffic control officers at the entrance driveway
- 2 gate officers in the guard building
- 2 patrol officers (one armed) in separate vehicles on the road
- 5 special officers on foot patrol on the beach
- call the gate officers to report problems and concerns **949-496-1611**

If you have questions about the legal use of fireworks, call the Dana Point Police Department at **949-248-3580** anytime between 8am and 5pm.

THANK YOU FOR KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY SAFE



**FIREWORKS
ARE PROHIBITED
ON BEACH ROAD**

**THIS DANA POINT MUNICIPAL CODE WILL BE
STRICTLY ENFORCED BY THE SHERIFF'S DEPT.
AND THE ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY.**

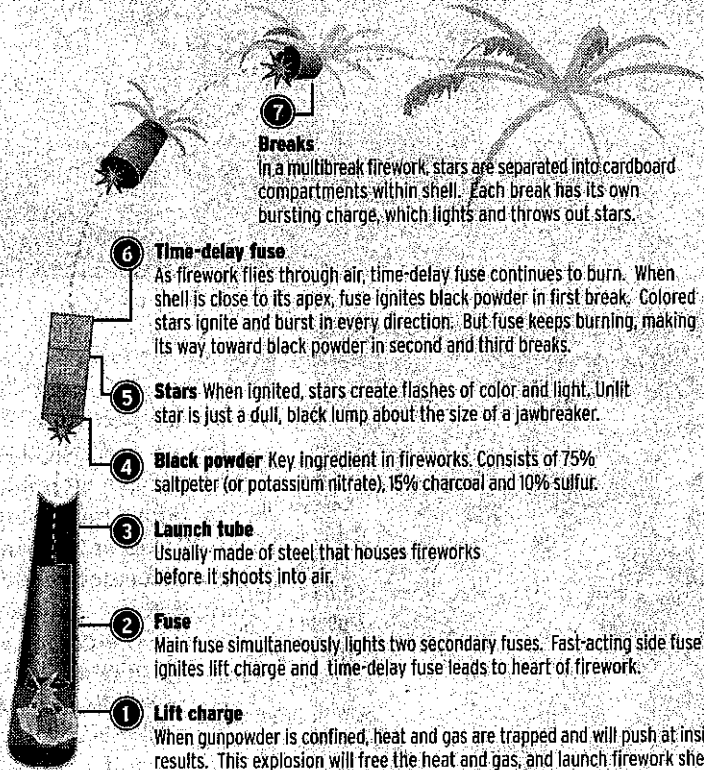
CAPISTRANO BAY DISTRICT
DEPARTMENT OF SECURITY 496-1611



Staying safe on July 4th

Celebrating Independence Day with fireworks can be especially dangerous in dry weather. Last year, there were 11,000 firework-related injuries nationwide. Here's a guide to how to celebrate safe:

Here's a look at how display fireworks work:



Safety tips for fireworks at home


- Store fireworks in a closed box, somewhere cool and dry, out of reach of children.
- Never carry fireworks in your pocket or shoot them in metal or glass containers.
- Use fireworks outdoors in a clear area away from buildings and cars.
- Read instructions carefully before lighting fireworks.
- Always purchase fireworks from reliable sources.
- Never give fireworks to young children.
- Light the tip of each firework at arm's length one at a time, using a safety firework lighter or fuse wick, then stand back immediately.
- Don't experiment with homemade fireworks.
- Don't wear loose clothing that can easily catch fire.
- Don't relight a firework if it doesn't work the first time - it could still be live and go off in your face unexpectedly.
- Douse used fireworks in water, then bury them in the ground.
- Keep all pets indoors.

Illegal fireworks

Usually unlabeled, without caution statement, will not list manufacturer's name. You can report illegal fireworks or dangerous use by calling (714) 538-3501.

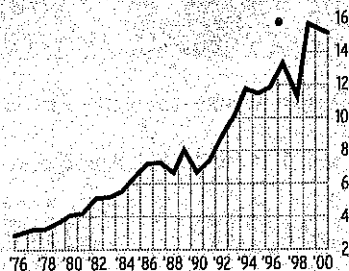
Cherry bombs:  Red, about 1" in diameter.

M-80s:  Red, about 1.5" in length.

Silver salutes:  Silver, up to 2 inches in length. Fuse can enter either side or end of tube.

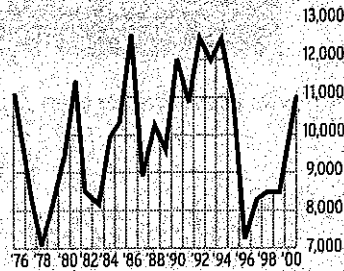
Firework consumption

(Millions of pounds, nationwide)



Firework-related injuries

(Estimated, nationwide)



History of fireworks

1040: Documentation relating to fireworks. Chinese showed how to wrap gunpowder in paper, add a few chemicals and make a fire pill. Several recipes of fireworks that are similar to ingredients and packing methods still in existence today.

1400s: Fireworks became widely used at religious festivals and for public entertainment in Europe. Italians were first to manufacture fireworks.

1500s: Military first introduced fireworks to America, where they were used to celebrate special occasions and scare American Indians.

1777: First Independence Day fireworks celebration in United States.

1966: U.S. Congress bans M-80s, cherry bombs, saying they contain large amounts of illegal explosives.

1976: Federal regulations are rewritten specifying a limit of 50 milligrams of pyrotechnic composition for any firecracker sold to public in U.S.



Sources: National Council on Fireworks Safety; American Pyrotechnics Association; www.howstuffworks.com; www.cpsc.gov; allsands.com; www.pyrouniverse.com; fireworksland.com/html/m80.html

Monica Edwards and Haeyoun Park/The Register