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SUBJECT: Fireworks After Action 2019
DATE: August 8, 2019

PRESENTATION TYPE:
Informational Briefing

SUMMARY:
This is to provide the Community Vitality and Safety Committee with an overview of the Tacoma Police Department Fireworks emphasis, education and enforcement for 2019. The Police Department Fireworks Plan was a coordinated effort of education and enforcement between Tacoma Police, Tacoma Fire, Puyallup Tribal Police and South Sound 911. The fireworks specific emphasis patrols, enforcement and educational measures occurred **Friday, June 28, through Sunday, July 7, 2019.**

BACKGROUND:
As part of our educational process, we distributed fliers to the citizens of Tacoma through Community Meetings and Safe Streets venues. We also provided the Fireworks ban information on the TPD social media page. In regards to enforcement, our emphasis this year was to enforce all fireworks and related laws and we distributed Fireworks Safety Awareness Letters to residents where fireworks violations appeared to have occurred. These letters addressed the laws prohibiting fireworks as well as fireworks safety issues. The addresses were then documented as an educational/safety concern contact. There were no significant fires or incidents related to fireworks during the emphasis period.

ISSUE:
The City continues to experience large numbers of individuals who continue to violate the Fireworks Ordinance.

ALTERNATIVES:
This is an information briefing only. There are no alternatives presented.

FISCAL IMPACT:
This is an information briefing only. There is no fiscal impact.

RECOMMENDATION:
The Tacoma Police Department will continue to evaluate the Fireworks Enforcement Strategy/Plan and related outcomes for the purpose of making recommendations for next year's Fireworks Enforcement Initiative.