



City of Tacoma
Police Department

Memorandum

TO: Elizabeth Pauli
City Manager

FROM: Donald L. Ramsdell
Chief of Police

DATE: July 24, 2019

SUBJECT: 2019 FIREWORKS AFTER ACTION REPORT

The Tacoma Police 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.**

EDUCATION:

- Distributed fliers to the citizens of Tacoma through Community Meetings and Safe Streets venues.
- Fireworks ban information was posted on the TPD social media page.

ENFORCEMENT:

- The emphasis this year was to enforce all fireworks and related laws.
- Fireworks Safety Awareness Letters were distributed 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.

INCIDENTS

- There were no significant fires or incidents related to fireworks during the emphasis period.

FIREWORKS STATISTICS AND DATA COMPARISON

	2019	2018	2017	2016
Notices of Infraction	5	12	9	4
Fireworks Safety Awareness Letters	58	65	91 (<i>1st year</i>)	
Fireworks Calls For Service	650	575	635	604
Fireworks Seized	20 lbs.	85 lbs.	20 lbs.	20 lbs.

- includes duplicates and cancelled calls

SUMMARY:

- Due to call responder staffing needs not all the emphasis missions were able to be fully staffed.
- On the 4th of July, fireworks emphasis officers assisted Patrol in responding to an excess of emergency calls for service and staffing the Ruston Way fireworks event.

TPD 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.

To create a safe and secure environment in which to live, work, and visit by working together with the community, enforcing the law in a fair and impartial manner, preserving the peace and order in our neighborhoods, and safeguarding our constitutional guarantees.

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