

San José Fire Department

The San José Fire Department's core mission is to serve the community by protecting life, property and the environment through prevention and response.



Fireworks Update

Neighborhoods Commission
June 8, 2022

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Fireworks Overview



- Continuing with current fireworks outreach campaign
 - www.sanjoseca.gov/fireworks
- Targeted outreach and enforcement
- Encouraging resident reporting of illegal fireworks
- Enhanced reporting through SJ311
 - Submit reports through fireworks Website or mobile app
 - Download at Google Play Store or Apple App Store

Social Host Ordinance



- ✓ Define Social Host
- ✓ Define Public vs. Private Property
- ✓ Define and Impose Liability
- ✓ Establish and Provide Billing Mechanism
- ✓ Outline Administrative Appeal Process
- ✓ Amend 2020-2021 Schedule of Fees & Charges



Social Host Ordinance

- Before – Fines levied against the person using fireworks or owner if they had knowledge
- Now – Liability extended to social host and property owner(s) jointly and severally
- Who – The social host, property owner and tenant



Intent

- Deter – Anyone hosting gatherings with fireworks
- Encourage – Host to prevent guests from using fireworks
- Fees & Charges – Represent actual cost of emergency service **only**
- Tools – Provides an additional tool for enforcement



Proactive Enforcement Strategies

- ✓ Targeting sellers of illegal fireworks
- ✓ Robust enforcement strategy planned for July 4th
- ✓ Producing a high-visibility social media campaign that builds on success on *Street Racing* reduction efforts



Questions?

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Fireworks Ordinance Work Plan Status Report
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