

STAFF REPORT**CITY OF OCEANSIDE**

DATE: October 16, 2013
TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers
FROM: Neighborhood Services Department
Police Department
SUBJECT: **July 3rd Fireworks Report**

SYNOPSIS

Staff recommends that the City Council approve a Fireworks Event for July 3, 2014, at El Corazon and budget the associated costs in the FY 2014-15 respective departmental budgets.

BACKGROUND

At its meeting on August 7, 2013, City Council requested staff to do a comparison of costs associated with having fireworks on July 3rd and July 4th. In addition, Council asked staff to seek input from businesses in the Rancho Del Oro Business Park area to seek their preference as to date.

ANALYSIS

Staff from the Police Department, Fire Department, Public Works, and Neighborhood Services provided input regarding staff costs. It has been determined that there is only a nominal difference in direct costs of having the fireworks on July 4th versus July 3rd, assuming contract police officers are not called in to supplement OPD. Staff costs for this event are estimated at \$22,032 with \$16,682 being allocated to the Police Department. The Police Department is very concerned that there isn't enough manpower to adequately staff a fireworks show at El Corazon and manage the crowds at the beach on July 4th and strongly recommends that the City Council, if desired, have the fireworks show on July 3rd. If the Council selects July 4th, then it is likely that contract officers would need to be retained.

The cost of the fireworks for 2013 was \$25,000 and has been quoted the same for 2014 for a comparable display. In addition, there will be costs associated with the event logistics and clean-up estimated at \$3,700.

Input from businesses in the Rancho Del Oro business park area indicated a preference for July 4th fireworks.

FISCAL IMPACT

The total costs including fireworks, staff costs, and clean-up is \$50,232 for July 3rd and \$50,732 for July 4th. The costs will be budgeted in the FY 2014-15 respective departmental budgets.

COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE REPORT

Not applicable.

CITY ATTORNEY'S ANALYSIS

City Attorney analysis does not apply.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council approve a Fireworks Event for July 3, 2014, at El Corazon and budget the associated costs in the FY 2014-15 respective departmental budgets.

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