



El Monte NEWS

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Fourth of July Fireworks *POLICE ENFORCEMENT PATROL*

El Monte, Calif. - The City of El Monte Police Department will be actively enforcing fireworks laws between June 24th and the 4th of July. At their City Council meeting of June 5th, the El Monte City Council voted to fund the Police Department with an additional \$25,000 towards interdiction and enforcement of illegal fireworks laws, focusing on possession, use and sales of illegal fireworks.

“Those who use or sell illegal fireworks will face the maximum sentence enforceable by law”, stated Public Information Officer Matt Weintraub. At their meeting, Council members reiterated that the city would seek the largest fine possible against violators. Fliers and pamphlets outlining the strict enforcement policy will be circulated first to inform the general public, before the June 24th enforcement begins.

The Police Department indicates that they will not sit back and wait for complaints to come in. Officers will be on patrol looking for violators, utilizing informants and spreading the word that El Monte will not tolerate illegal fireworks. “We will be very proactive on enforcement,” said Captain Steve Schuster. “Citations and arrests will be made”. Police Chief Ken Weldon also stated officers will be extremely proactive, “writing and serving search warrants” as well.

El Monte, a city incorporated in 1912 and home to more than 116,000 residents, is a full-service city located in the heart of the San Gabriel Valley. It is freeway-close to all of Los Angeles, bisected by Interstate 10 and abutting Interstate 605. El Monte is home to a mega auto mall and boasts the largest single car dealership in the world, Longo Toyota.

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