

Date: June 22, 2021  
To: Mayor and Members of the City Council  
From: Thomas B. Modica, City Manager

**Subject: Illegal Explosives and Fireworks Action Plan Status Report**

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On June 23, 2020, the City Council adopted recommendations for an Illegal Explosives and Fireworks Action Plan (Plan) to address the illegal use of fireworks and explosives in Long Beach. To implement this Plan, the City Manager directed staff to develop a comprehensive citywide approach to respond to the increasing incidence of illegal fireworks activity. In response, an Interdepartmental Fireworks Working Group (Working Group) was formed and tasked to build upon efforts already in place to reduce illegal fireworks activity. The Working Group is comprised of representatives from the City Manager, City Prosecutor, City Attorney, Police, Fire, Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Communications, and Technology and Innovation Departments. Addressing this critical community concern was a City Council priority and \$350,000 was allocated in the Fiscal Year 2021 (FY 21) Budget to implement the Plan.

Since its initiation in July 2020, the Working Group has met regularly to coordinate resources to strengthen existing enforcement and to add new tools and penalties to address illegal fireworks activity. The attached Plan Status Report contains a detailed overview of the work and key actions of the Working Group since its formation in the following focus areas:

1. Supply Chain Confiscation
2. Regional Coordination
3. State Legislation
4. Increased Fines and Penalties
5. Community Outreach and Education
6. Data Collection and Reporting Mechanisms

The issue of illegal fireworks is complex and multifaceted and aggressive proactive strategies are necessary to address the quality of life impacts created by their use in the community. Through the focused interdepartmental coordination of the Working Group, the City has expanded the set of tools available to the City for enforcement and deterrence of illegal fireworks in the community.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Assistant City Manager Linda F. Tatum at (562) 570-6919.

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