



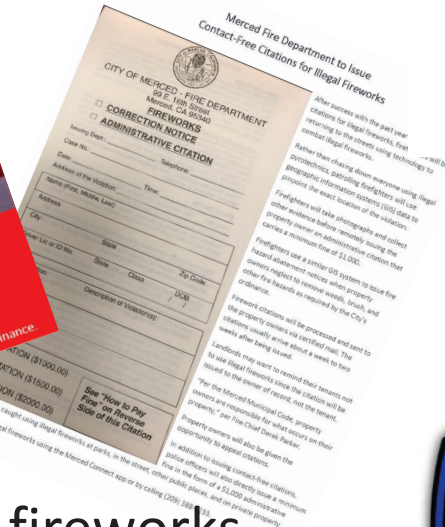
City of Merced Fire Department
Derek Parker, Fire Chief

Illegal Fireworks Enforcement Campaign 2022 Report

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Education and Prevention Efforts

- Social media posts
 - Facebook and Instagram
- Radio spots
- Print media
- Television interviews
- Banners throughout town to deter the use of fireworks
- Message boards throughout the community
- Meetings with neighborhood groups to listen to concerns



Mitigation and Prevention Efforts



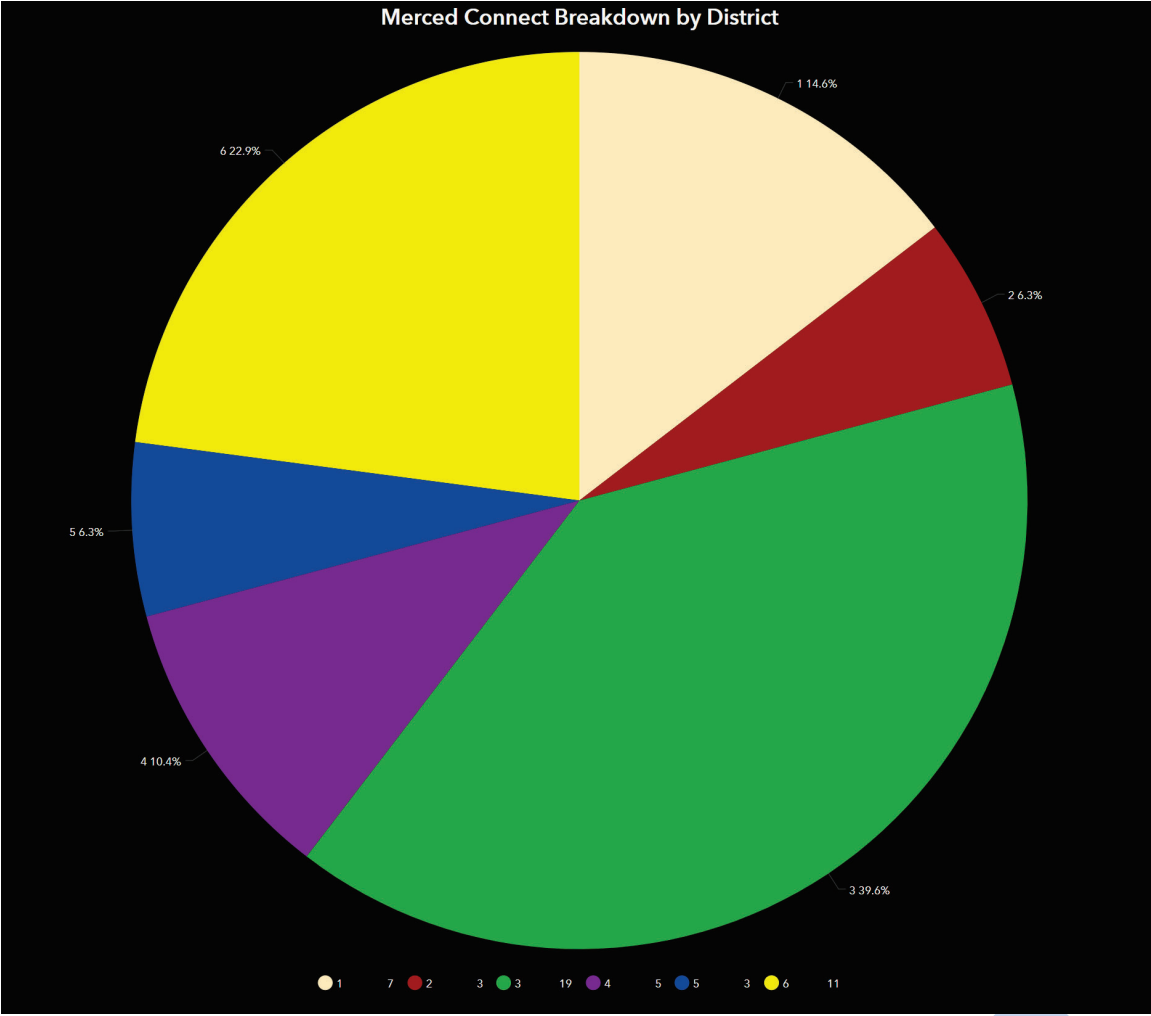
- Implementation of Property Owner Citations
 - No contact by MFD members
- Use of Merced Connect app by community members
 - Creates an email sent to members for investigation
 - Creates a tracking opportunity



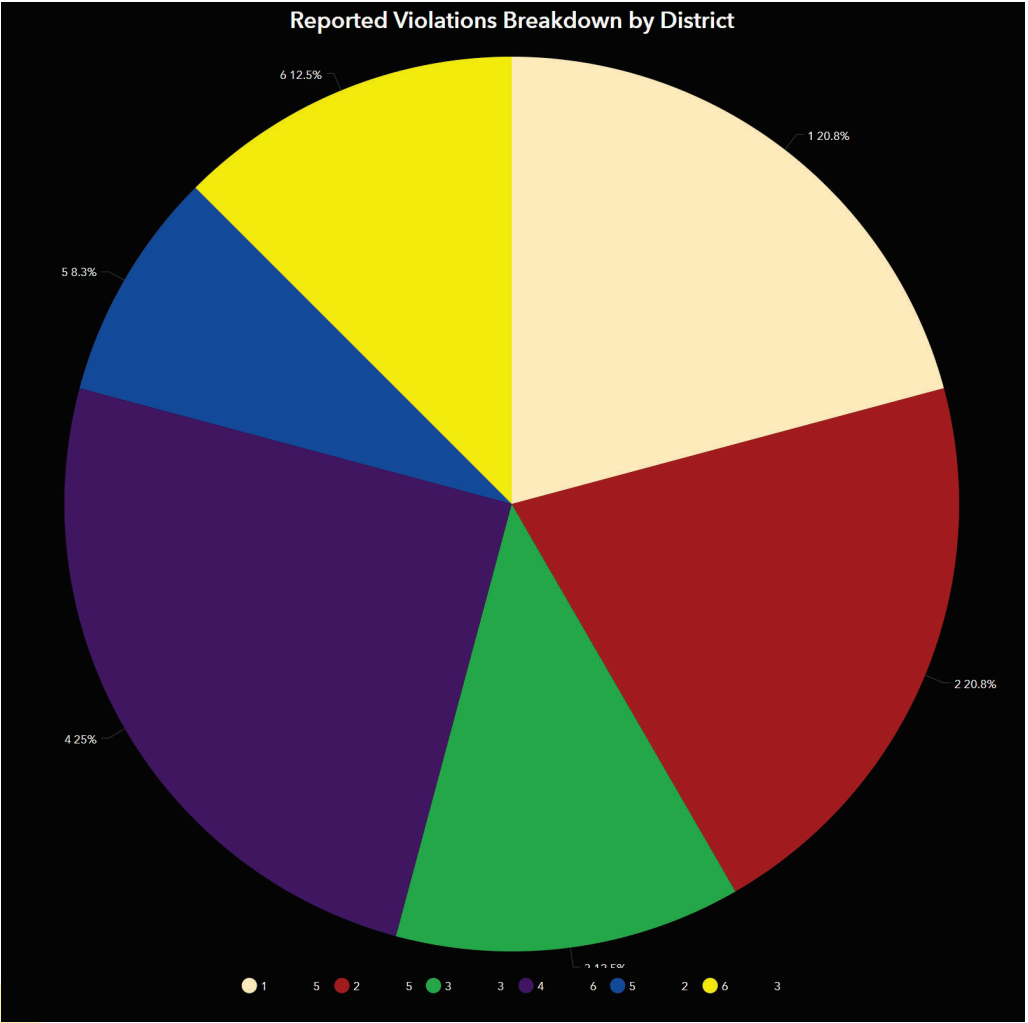
MPD Enforcement Efforts

- Buy/Bust Operations
 - Disrupt and discourage the flow of illegal fireworks into the community
- Police Officer Staffing
 - 6 Officers assigned to fireworks detail
- Expanded Dispatch Staffing
 - Dispatcher and community volunteers
- Bomb Squad
 - Responded to assist with dangerous fireworks/explosives.

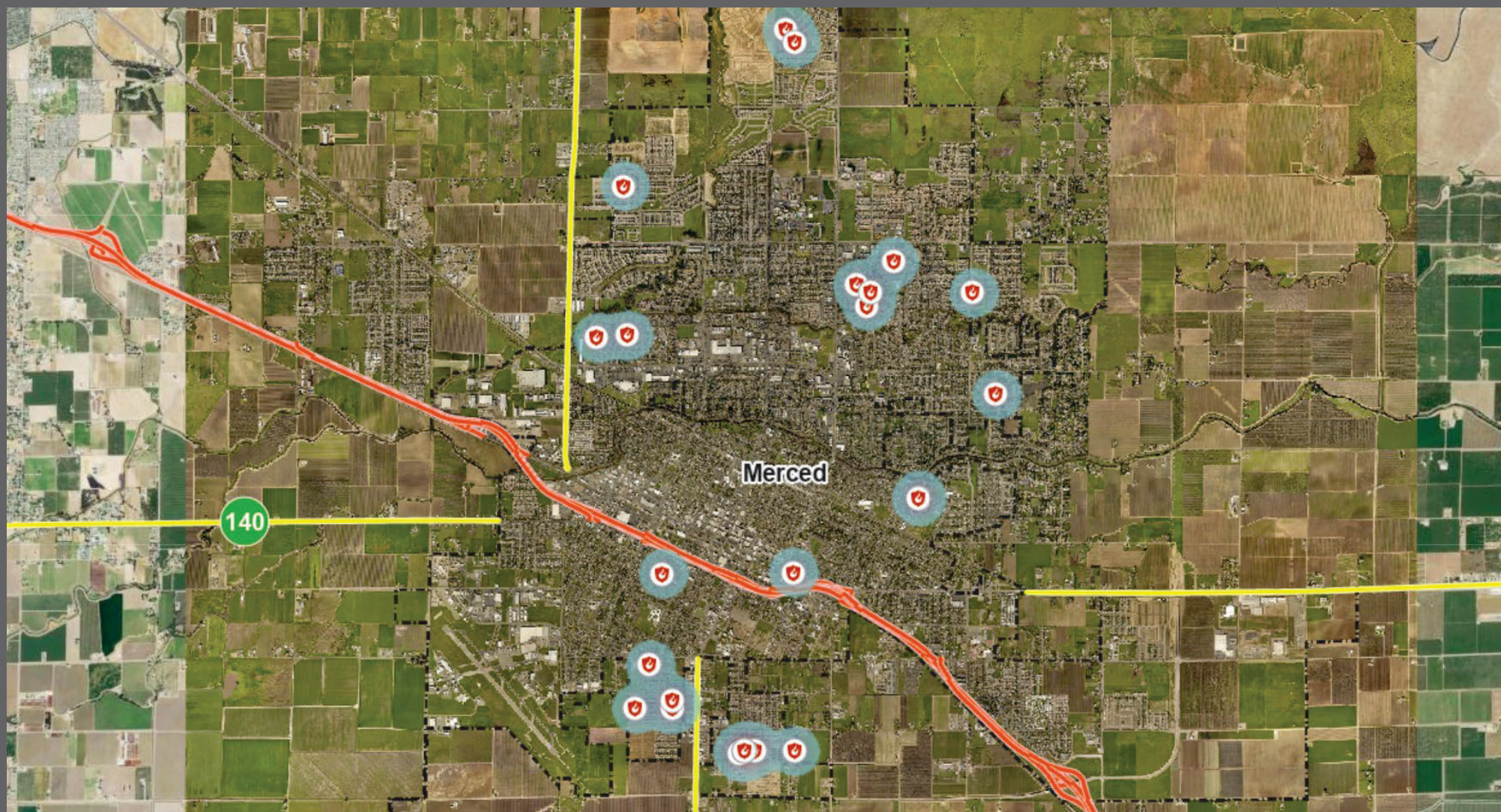




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July 4th Weekend Response



Fire Department Calls for Service

July 1 st – Friday	July 2 nd – Saturday	July 3 rd – Sunday	July 4 th - Monday
Calls for service – 28	Calls for service – 34	Calls for service – 36	Calls for service – 39
Fires – 2	Fires – 3	Fires – 3	Fires – 17
Structure Fires – 0	Structure Fires - 0	Structure Fires – 0	Structure Fires – 0

Merced Connect & Celebrate Safe

July 3 rd – Call Center	July 4 th – Call Center
Phone – 20	Phone – 57
Merced Connect – 4	Merced Connect – 21
Total – 24	Total – 78

Fireworks Operation Response



Police Calls for Service	
Calls for service	153
Individual Fireworks Seized	Over 5,000
Buy/Bust Operations	7
Arrests (firearm)	1
Citations	9
Firearms seized	1





Celebrate Safe 2022

