



City of Merced Fire Department

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# Illegal Fireworks Enforcement Campaign 2022 Report

July 18, 2022 Council Meeting

### 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

MERCED FIRE RESCUE

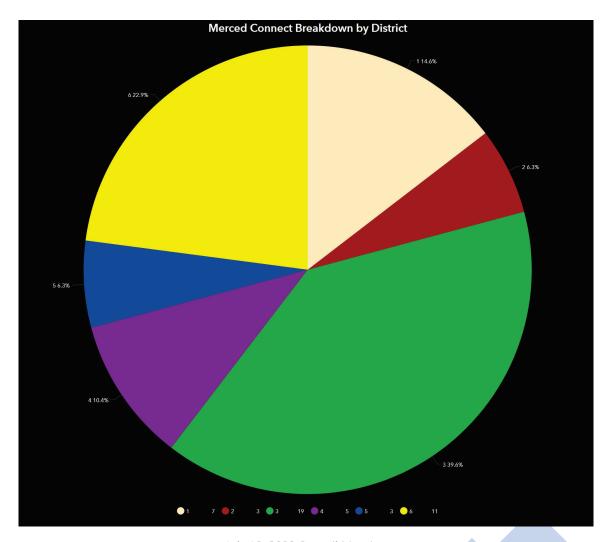
- Implementation of Property Owner Citations
  - No contact by MFD members
- Use of Merced Connect app by community members
  - Creates an email sent to members for investigation
  - Creates a tracking opportunity



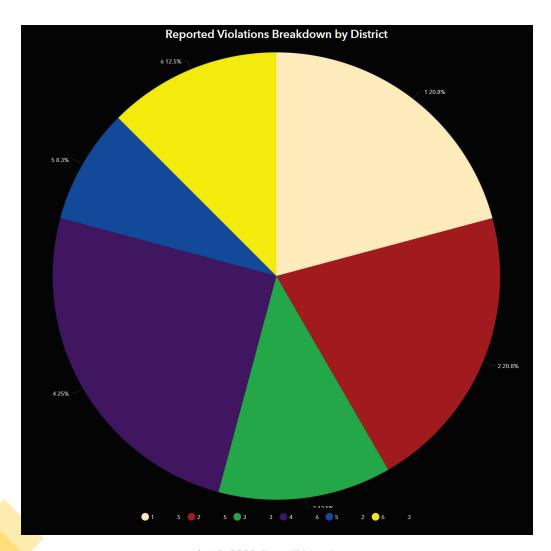
### MPD Enforcement Efforts

- 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.

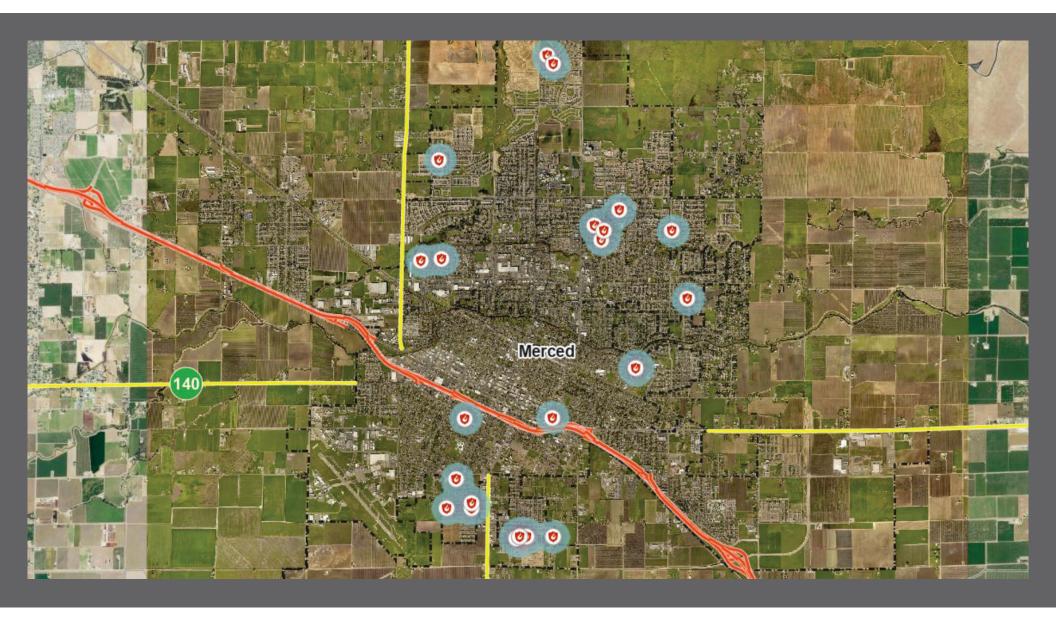




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## July 4<sup>th</sup> Weekend Response



#### Fire Department Calls for Service

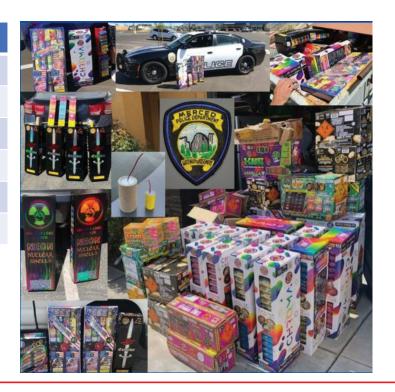
July 1 <sup>st</sup> – Friday	July 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Saturday	July 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Sunday	July 4 <sup>th</sup> - Monday
Calls for service – 28	Calls for service – 34	Calls for service – 36	Calls for service – 39
Fires – 2	Fires – 3	Fires – 3	Fires – 17
Structure Fires – <b>0</b>	Structure Fires - 0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

#### Merced Connect & Celebrate Safe

July 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Call Center	July 4 <sup>th</sup> – Call Center	
Phone – 20	Phone – 57	
Merced Connect – 4	Merced Connect – 21	
Total – <b>24</b>	Total – <b>78</b>	

# 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