



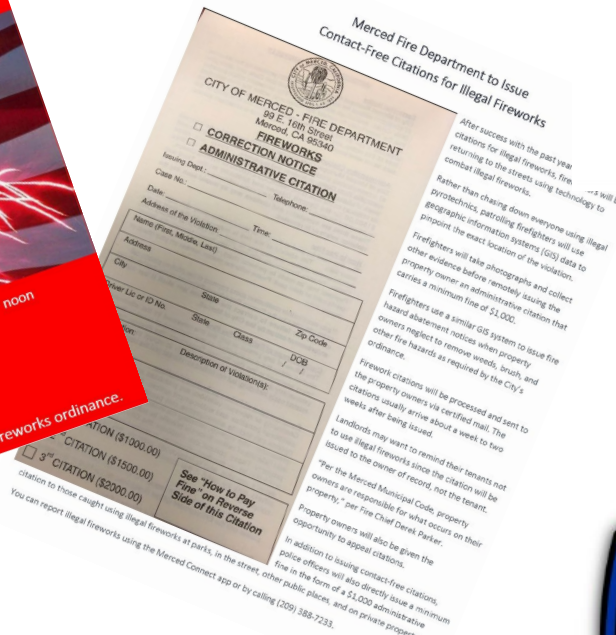
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Illegal Fireworks Enforcement Campaign 2024 Report

Education and Outreach Efforts

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





Mitigation and Prevention Efforts

- Implementation of Property Owner Citations
 - No contact by MFD members
 - 6 Administrative Citations Issued
- 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
 - Officer overtime shifts assigned to fireworks detail.
- Expanded Dispatch Staffing
 - Dispatcher and community volunteers.
- Bomb Squad
 - Responded to assist with dangerous fireworks/explosives. 2,600 pounds of firework explosives were recovered.





July 4th Holiday Week Response

Fire Department Calls for Service

July 3 rd – Wednesday	July 4 th – Thursday	July 5 th – Friday	July 6 th - Saturday
Calls for service – 38	Calls for service – 47	Calls for service – 38	Calls for service – 39
Fires – 0	Fires – 14	Fires – 6	Fires – 3
Structure Fires – 0	Structure Fires - 2	Structure Fires – 0	Structure Fires – 0

Merced Connect & Celebrate Safe

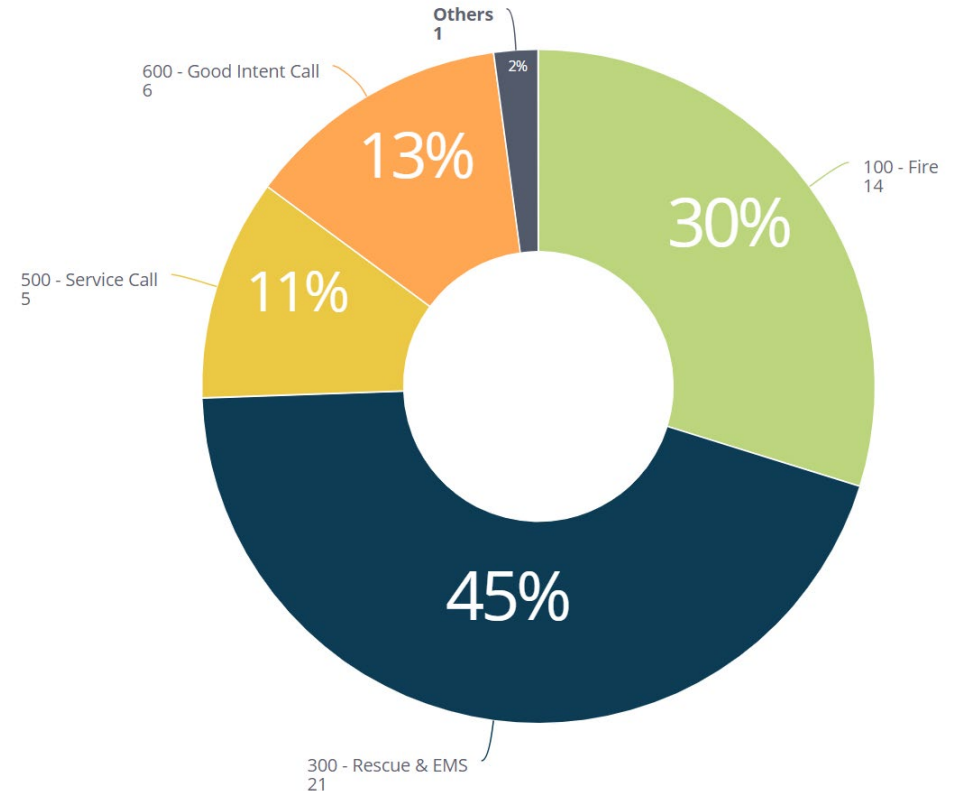
June 28 th – July 6 th	July 4 th & 5 th
Phone – 104	Phone – 95
Merced Connect – 15	Merced Connect – 9
Total – 119	Total – 104



July 4th Holiday Response

Fire Department Calls for Service

- 14 Total Fires
- 12 Fires between 7pm-7am
- 27 Total Incidents between 7pm-7am
- 1 Significant Structure Fire
- 1 Vehicle into Structure w/Gas Leak
- 100% draw down – Calls pending
- No mutual aid available





Fireworks Operation Response

Police Calls for Service	
Calls for service	79 (June 1st –July 5th)
Individual Fireworks Seized	Over 2,600 pounds
Buy/Bust Operations	1
Arrests	2
Citations	0
Firearms seized	0





Celebrate Safe 2024

