



*City of Merced Fire Department
Casey Wilson, Fire Chief*

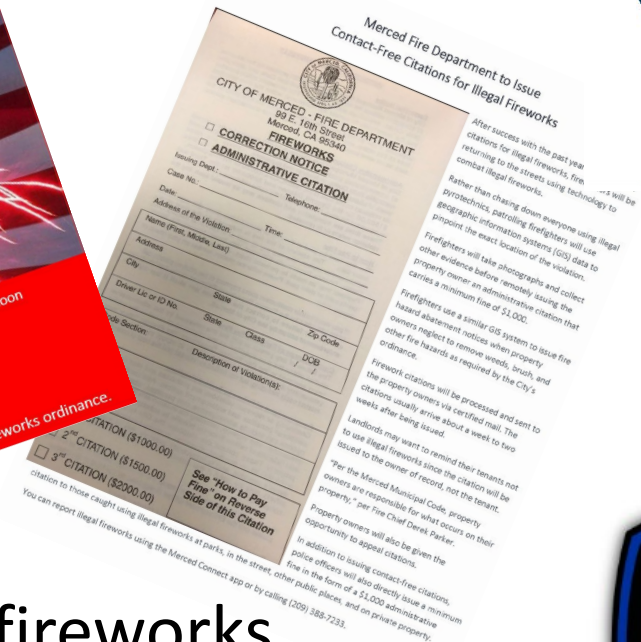


Independence Day Response & Enforcement Efforts 2026

August 3, 2026, Council Meeting

Education and Outreach Efforts

- Social media posts
 - Facebook and Instagram
- Social media videos
- Television interviews
- Banner across G Street to deter the use of fireworks



Mitigation and Prevention Efforts

- Implementation of Property Owner Citations
 - No contact by MFD members
 - 3 Administrative Citations Issued
- Utilization of GIS data to focus enforcement efforts
- Additional Fire Staffing
 - Additional Chief Officer
- Two additional MPD officers
6/29-7/4 focused on fireworks enforcement



July 4th Response



Fire Department Calls for Service

2025 July 4 th – Friday	2026 July 4 th – Saturday
Calls for service – 61	Calls for service – 44
Fires – 26	Fires – 16
Structure Fire – 1	Structure Fire – 1

Police Department Calls for Service

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Calls for service	177 (June 1st –July 5th)

*Duplicate calls for service are not entered

Celebrate Safe Phone Line

388-SAFE
July 3 rd - 6
July 4 th & 5 th - 69
Total - 75

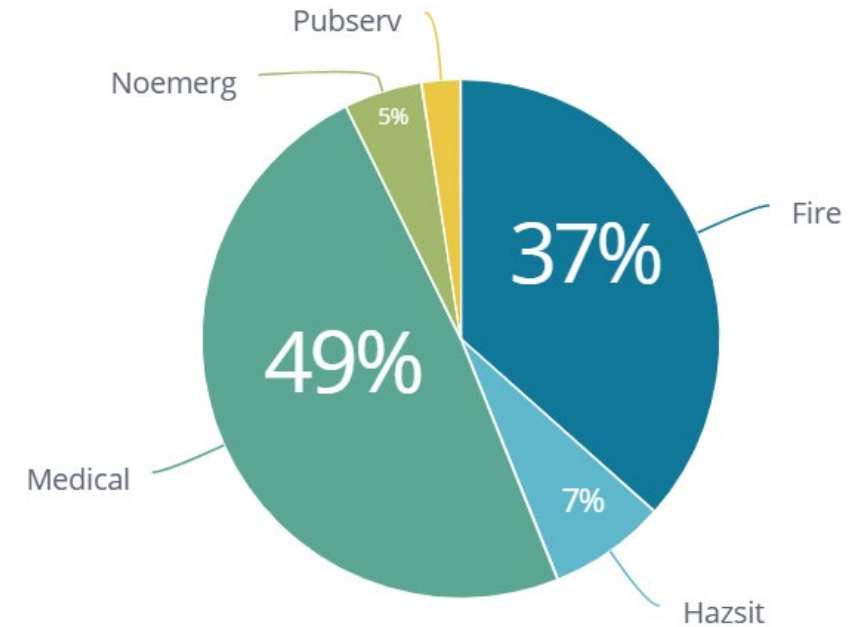


2026 July 4th Response

Fire Department Calls for Service



- Fires – 16
 - 1 Building
 - 15 Grass, Brush, Rubbish, Dumpster Fires
- EMS - 21
- Public Assist - 3
- Motor Vehicle Accidents - 3
- Smell of Gas - 1
- Mutual Aid Request - 4



2026 July 4th Response

Significate Incidents



- Structure Fire - Baxter Court
 - Two story residential with heavy fire to the rear of the structure
 - One adult male rescued and transported
 - Illegal Fireworks caused
- MVA - Campus Parkway and Childs Ave
 - Vehicle accident w/Fire
 - 1 patient, critical injuries, ALS care and transport
 - Civilian rescue





Moving forward...

- Utilize Drones and GIS Technology to support and enhance enforcement efforts.
- Proven success across the state
Using Drones + GIS for Illegal Fireworks Enforcement





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Questions?