



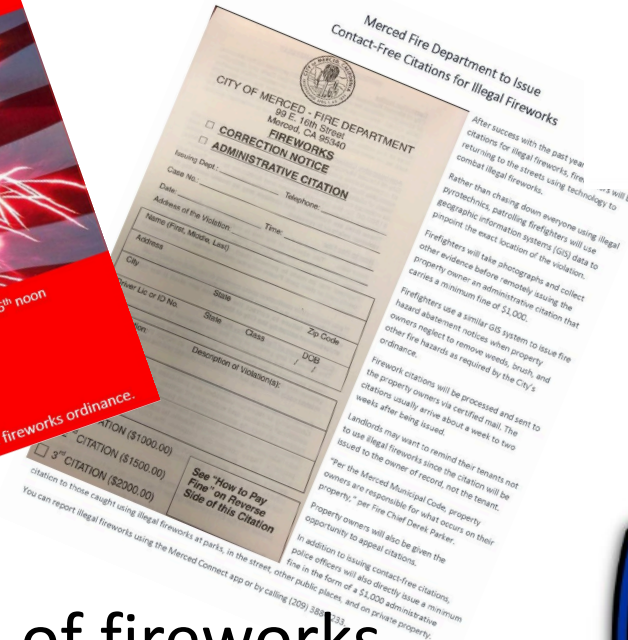
City of Merced Fire Department
Derek Parker, Fire Chief

Illegal Fireworks Enforcement Campaign 2023 Report

July 17, 2023 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

- 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

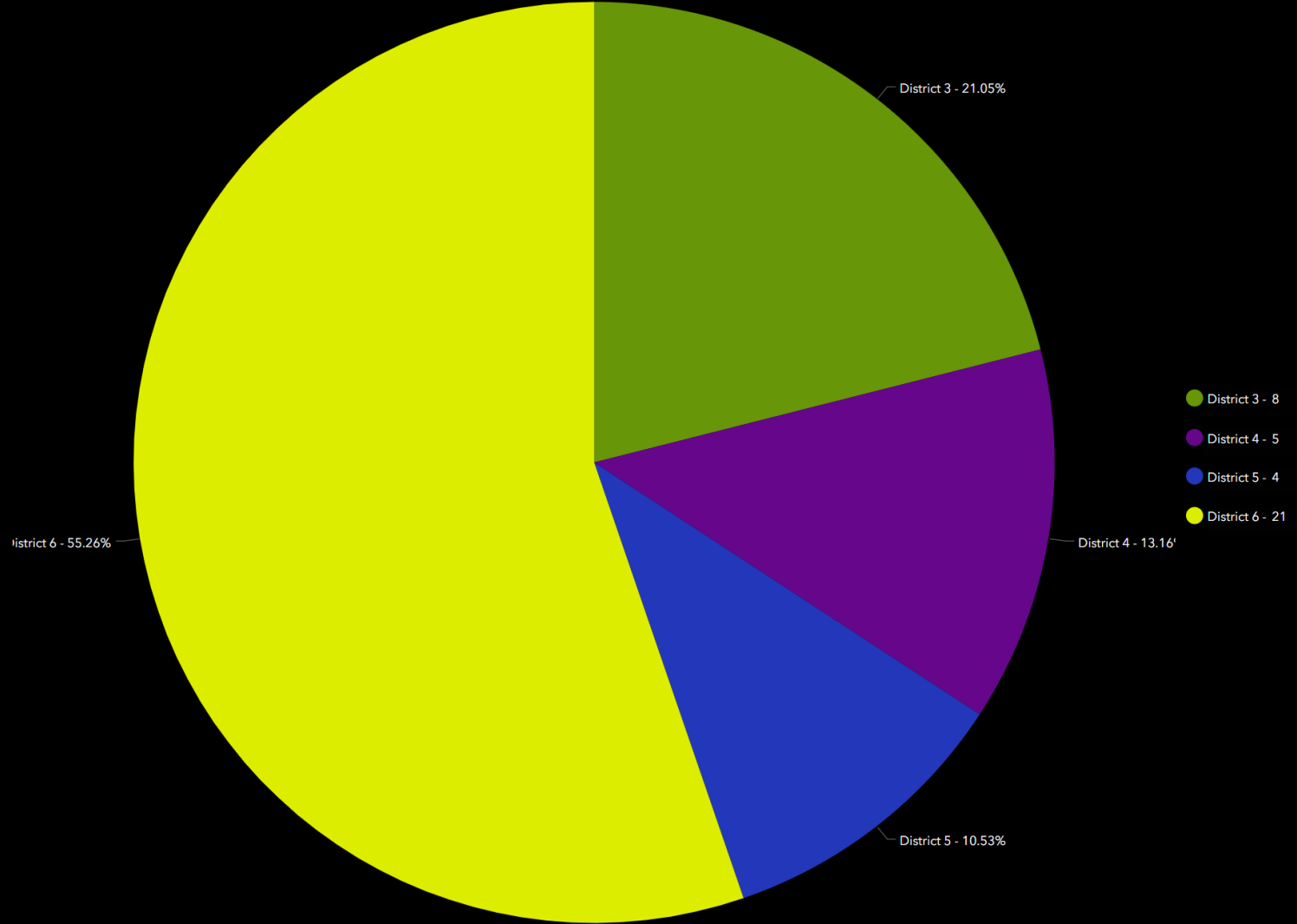


MPD Enforcement Efforts

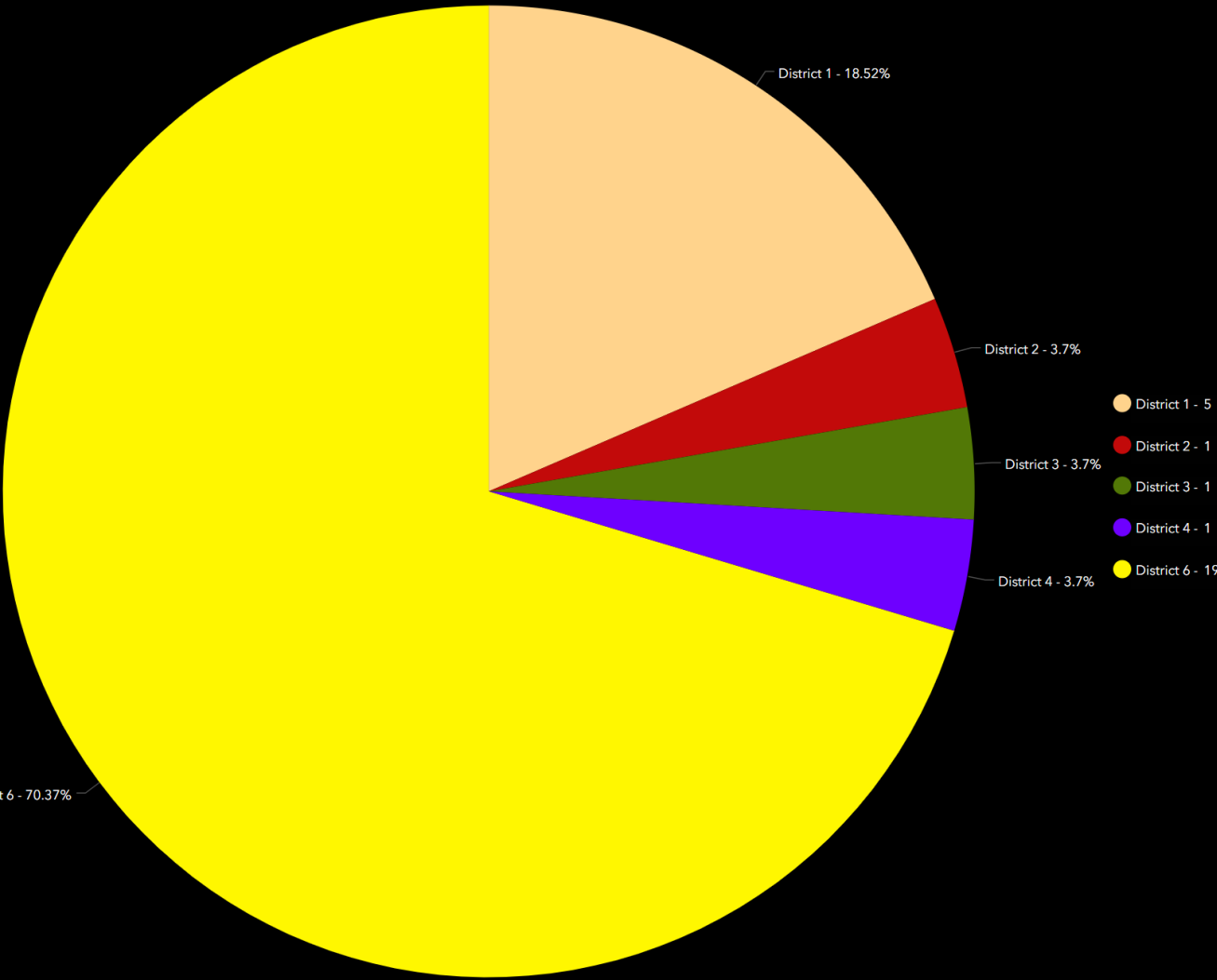
- Buy/Bust Operations
 - Disrupt and discourage the flow of illegal fireworks into the community
- Police Officer Staffing
 - Patrol shifts expanded to allow adequate personnel to respond to fireworks complaints.
- Expanded Dispatch Staffing
 - Dispatcher and community volunteers
- Bomb Squad
 - On call to respond as needed for dangerous explosives or modified fireworks.

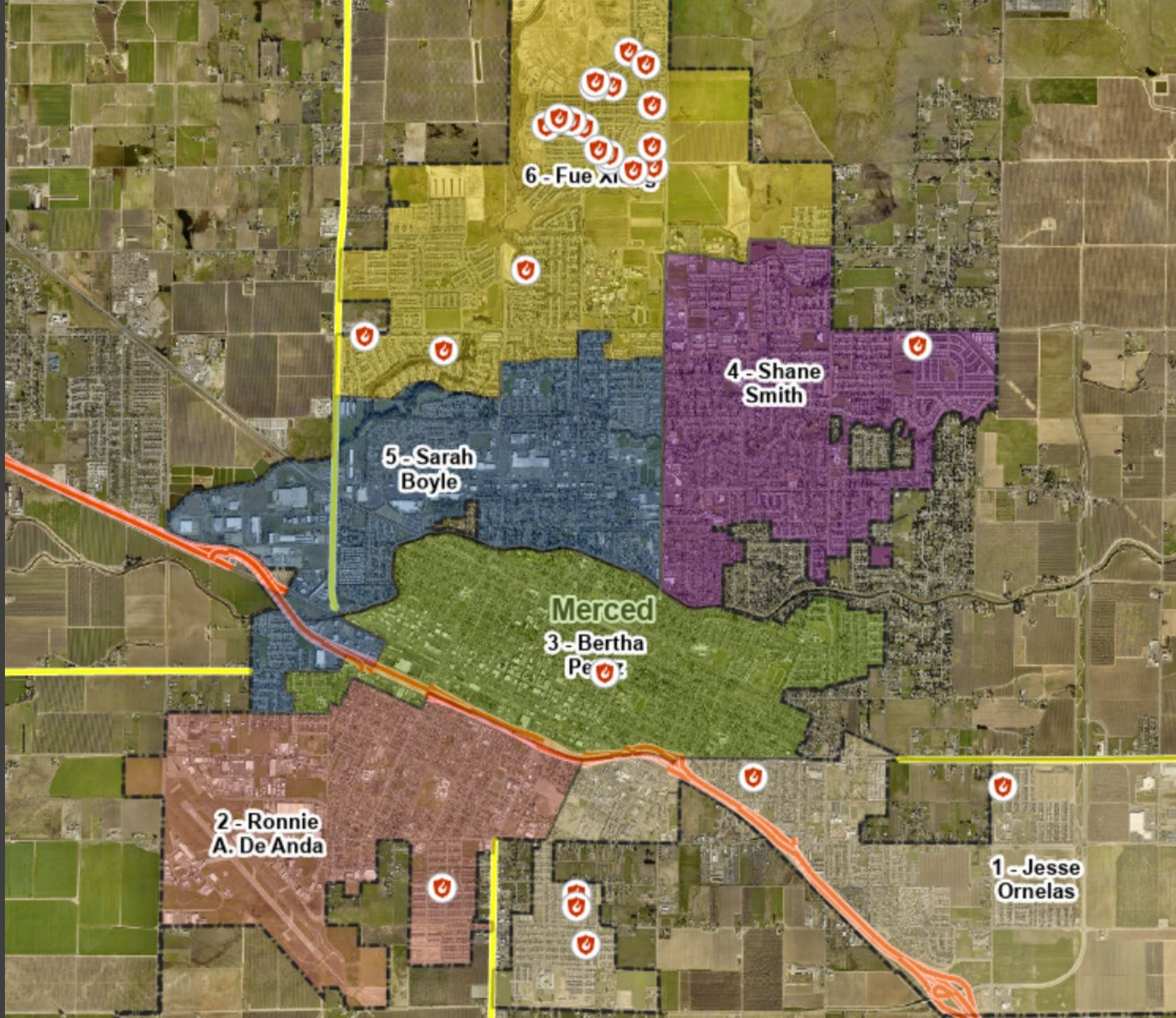


Break down of Reported In Merced Connect By Council District



Break down of Citations Issued By Council District







July 4th Weekend Response

Fire Department Calls for Service

July 1 st – Saturday	July 2 nd – Sunday	July 3 rd – Monday	July 4 th - Tuesday
Calls for service – 30	Calls for service – 33	Calls for service – 36	Calls for service – 32
Fires – 4	Fires – 1	Fires – 3	Fires – 15
Structure Fires – 0	Structure Fires - 0	Structure Fires – 1	Structure Fires – 1

Merced Connect & Celebrate Safe

July 4 th – Call Center
Phone – 80
Merced Connect – 14
Total – 94

Fireworks Operation Response



Police Calls for Service	
Calls for service	159
Buy/Bust Operations	1
Arrests	2
Citations	7





Celebrate Safe 2023

