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City of Pacifica

Illegal Fireworks Task Force Committee

Minutes from meeting of Tuesday, April 4, 2017

Chief Steidle called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

Present: Chief Dan Steidle, Mayor Mike O'Neill, Gina Del Vecchio, Tonia Boykin, Dave Mercurio, PL Domingo, Milton Broussard, Patrick Chiechi

The minutes of the March 20, 2017 meeting were approved without opposition.

Chief Steidle reviewed the enforcement/public outreach strategies discussed at the March 20th meeting. The following update regarding strategies was provided:

- Chief Steidle advised that after discussion with the City Attorney, the Police Department would like to use smart phone apps to enhance communications with community members regarding illegal fireworks. He advised the department did not want to issue administrative citations based only on video or photographs, but would only issue administrative citations when officers observed violations. The committee agreed smartphone apps would be a good tool to communicate with the community.
- Committee Member Del Vecchio reported that she had reached out to the insurance provider community to see if they had interest in policyholders that use illegal fireworks on their property. She believed that due to few claims resulting from illegal fireworks use, it may not be of interest to insurance providers. However, she was continuing to look into the matter.

The committee added to the list of community outreach/enforcement strategies. The current lists being considered are as follows:

Community Outreach: Local school flyers (electronic flyers to parents), PCT 26, community education regarding what fireworks are legal, and which are not, utility bill mailers, local community organizations (Rotary, Lion's Club, etc), Connect with Pacifica (City of Pacifica

distribution list), Pacifica Mothers' Club, social media, Next Door (countywide), Chamber of Commerce, Pacifica Magazine, Department of Parks, Beaches and Recreation.

Also discussed as a new item was the possibility of an amnesty day where those in possession of illegal fireworks could turn them in to the Police Department without being prosecuted/fined.

Enforcement Strategies: Police Department letters of warning to habitual violators, anonymous tip line (for those reporting persons storing illegal fireworks), HAM Radio Operators (on the night of the 4th), request use of webcams that are online in the south end of Pacifica, Social Host Ordinance, increase "ouch" fine, determine interest in assistance from insurance providers, smartphone apps.

Chief Steidle updated the committee regarding the Social Host Ordinance. Currently, he is working with the City Attorney's office in developing a draft ordinance. There were a few issues that surfaced that needed research, therefore, the draft ordinance was not ready for this meeting as planned. The draft ordinance will be distributed to committee members when complete.

Public comment was opened with no members of the public requesting to speak.

The meeting was adjourned at 2032 hours.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, April 26, 2017, 6:00 PM

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