

# City of Yuba City 4<sup>th</sup> of July



# This is what we want in our community



# This is what we don't want. Dangerous/Illegal Fireworks



# “Dangerous” Fireworks

(Also referred to as Illegal Fireworks when used by non licensed personnel)

Examples of “dangerous” fireworks include firecrackers, skyrockets, roman candles, sparklers, torpedoes, and fireworks that contain certain elements defined by the Fire Marshal.



# May of 2017 - City Council Adopted Ordinance



- Ordinance 5602.2
  - A Dangerous/Illegal fire works ordinance
    - Which included:
      - “Social Host” or “Responsible Party” component
      - Administrative Citation component

# What is Ordinance 5602.2?



- Reasonably regulates dangerous fireworks
  - Possession
  - Sale
  - Use or discharge (unless permitted)
- Responsible Party component
  - Owns, rents, leases or has possession of the residence or property.
  - Person in immediate control of residence or private property
  - Person organizes, supervises, sponsors, conducts, allows, controls access to illegal discharge or illegal storage of fireworks.
- Violations and penalties
  - Not to exceed \$1,000

# Results of 2017 Proactive Enforcement



## Increased Fire and Police staffing between July 1 & July 4 in 2017.

- Staff issued 24 illegal firework citations.
- Revenues received covered the costs of additional proactive enforcement.
- Responded to 231 calls for service for illegal fireworks.
- 52 calls for service originating from our YC311 system.

# 2018 Proactive Enforcement Plan

- Increase Fire and Police staffing between July 1- July 4 in 2018.
- Specific Police units assigned to illegal fireworks enforcement.
- Additional Dispatch personnel to manage 911 phone calls, YC311 reports from citizens, and for dispatching public safety personnel.
- Additional Fire Engine Staffing to address increased call volume.
- Additional Fire Staffing to support proactive enforcement.





# Public Safety Partners



- Sutter County staff has stated that they will be presenting a similar fireworks ordinance for the Board of Supervisors to consider.
- County staff has also suggested they would like to join in the City's public awareness "Safe and Sane or Feel the Pain" campaign to ensure compliance.

# Public Education Campaign for 2018



- Public Safety Booth at the Summer Stroll
  - Staffed with the Youth Commission and Public Safety personnel.
  - With examples of illegal fireworks confiscated last year.
  - Safe and Sane Public Education material for adults.
  - Public education materials for kids.
  - Safe and Sane handouts such as bags.

# Public Education Campaign for 2018



- Professionally designed Informational flyer to go along with other City materials.
- Posters will be placed at businesses and fireworks booths.
- Mayoral letter to the Appeal Democrat about the ordinance.
- Newspaper, magazine & radio announcements.
- Water bill inserts.

# Addressing New Years Eve



## – Police Department

- **Already at maximum staffing with increased DUI enforcement.**
- **2016 had 7 total calls for Fireworks/2017 had 16 total calls.**
  - All calls focused around midnight.
  - No additional funds anticipated.

## – Fire Department

- Staffing will be maintained at normal staffing levels.
- The need for additional engine companies on duty will be evaluated.
- Wildland threat is greatly reduced usually during January due to the time of year, the grass is green, reducing the fuel load.
- The increased threat of structure fires is a real consideration to be addressed.

# Options for 4<sup>th</sup> of July



- Enhance Children's 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade
- The Yuba Sutter Arts Council has discussed holding a community fireworks event on the 4th of July in Riverfront Park in Marysville.
  - To date, we are not aware if a final determination has been made to hold an event this year or to begin planning for 2019.
  - Once we receive additional information, we will provide an update to the Council.



# Questions?

## 4th of July Children's Parade

Show your patriotic spirit and celebrate America's Birthday at this annual event. Dress up in your best red, white and blue, decorate your bike, wagon or battery operated vehicle and enjoy the fun. At the end of the parade enjoy good old American goodies. No registration required. Just show up to Gauche Park the day of the event by 9:45am. Call 822-4655 or 822-4686 for more information.



Thursday, July 4th  
10am

★  
Gauche Park  
421 C Street

★ to the ★  
Yuba City  
Town Center

GAP  
GAUCHE AQUATIC PARK





**YUBA CITY**

**Safe & Sane  
or  
Feel the Pain  
\$1,000 Fine**



**FIREWORK  
SAFETY**  
ON THE 4TH OF JULY



Report Violation (530) 822-4660  
For more information - [www.yubacity.net/fireworks](http://www.yubacity.net/fireworks)

