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DANIEL STEIDLE  
Chief of Police

## City of Pacifica Illegal Fireworks Task Force Committee Minutes from Meeting of Thursday, April 05, 2018

Chief Steidle called the meeting to order at 6:10 PM

Present: Chief Dan Steidle, Council Member Mike O'Neill, PL Domingo (Phantom Fireworks), Jim Fithian, Dennis Revell (TNT Fireworks), Patrick Chiechi, Dave Mercurio

The minutes of the July 13, 2017 meeting were approved without opposition.

Chief Steidle presented a Power Point presentation to review the work of the Task Force in 2017, as well as the outcome of the efforts. The presentation is attached to these minutes.

Discussion entertained ideas for the 2018 year. Much of what was accomplished last year was discussed as needing to occur again in 2018.

Council Member O'Neill discussed the potential of placing educational flyers in Recology or Comcast bills to educate the public regarding illegal fireworks.

Jim Fithian discussed using school assemblies to educate children regarding the dangers of illegal fireworks.

Milton Broussard discussed creating a public service video that captures what our officers do on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July with the intent on educating the public that we are diligently working on the problem of illegal fireworks use.

Council Member O'Neill discussed using the Pacifica Parks Beaches and Recreation Department Facebook page to help get the message out regarding illegal fireworks.

Jim Fithian, who is also a member of the Pacifica Beach Coalition, stated he would say a few words regarding illegal fireworks during the Earth Day (EcoFest) event coming up at the end of April.

Patrick Chiechi reiterated the idea of using HAM radio operators for intelligence gathering on the evening of July 4<sup>th</sup>.

Dennis Revell mentioned that while attending a fireworks presentation at the annual California League of Cities conference, Pacifica was mentioned as being progressive in the area of dealing with illegal fireworks.

Dennis Revell provided data regarding the areas where reports of illegal fireworks were received via the Nail em' smartphone application, which was used in 2017.

Chief Steidle discussed approaching calls for service differently on July 4<sup>th</sup> this year. Specifically, illegal fireworks calls can be used as intelligence without the need for officers to respond to and disposition each call. This frees officers to allow them to work together to observe and target problem areas rather than running call to call. Normal calls for service would be handled as usual.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM.

**Next Meeting: Thursday, April 19, 2018**  
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