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\$1,000 Fine for Possessing Illegal Fireworks – OUCH!

Pacifica, CA- As in previous years, it is illegal to possess any firework within the Pacifica city limits that is not approved by the California State Fire Marshall as "Safe and Sane." Legal fireworks can be easily identified by a state fire marshal seal on the packaging and firework device.

The Pacifica Police Department will take a <u>zero tolerance</u> approach towards people possessing illegal fireworks—anyone possessing other than "Safe and Sane" fireworks are subject to arrest <u>AND</u> a \$1,000 administrative fine.

Many citizens frequent the beach areas of Pacifica during the July 4th celebration to light their "Safe and Sane" fireworks. The following regulations pertaining to lighting fireworks on the beach apply and will be enforced:

- The only beach area permitted for "Safe and Sane" fireworks is the area immediately west of the north parking lot of Linda Mar Beach to approximately 10 feet east of the tideline and immediately north of the Taco Bell Restaurant to the prolongation of the north end of the north Linda Mar Beach parking lot.
- "Safe and Sane" fireworks will be allowed in the south Linda Mar Beach Parking Lot (asphalt area only) and the south Rockaway Beach Parking Lot (asphalt area only) as alternative sites. Citizens may enjoy the beaches for recreational activities and then utilize the parking lot to display "Safe and Sane" fireworks.
- Motor vehicles will not be allowed in the south Linda Mar Beach Parking Lot or the south Rockaway Beach Parking Lot on the 4th of July in order to accommodate the use of the area for fireworks.
- "Safe and Sane" fireworks are banned from: Rockaway Beach, Sharp Park Beach and the beach in the area of Manor Drive and Esplanade Avenue.

The following illustrations show the <u>only areas</u> in Pacifica where "Safe and Sane" fireworks will be allowed:



The members of the Pacifica Police Department wish you a "Safe and Sane" July 4th holiday.

Daniel Steidle Interim Chief of Police

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