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Press Release

Police Department

June 27, 2017

4th of July Celebration

In celebration of our nation's independence, the City of Torrance will be hosting its second annual fireworks Show July 4th, 2017 at 9 p.m. at the Torrance Civic Center. There will not be a scheduled fireworks show at Torrance Beach.

4th of July Street Closures:

- 7 p.m. – Maple Avenue between Torrance Boulevard and California Street
- 7 p.m. – Civic Center Drive between Madrona Avenue and Maple Avenue
- 7 p.m. – Maricopa Street at Maple Avenue
- 7 p.m. – Felbar Avenue, Fonthill Avenue, Kornblum Avenue, Teri Avenue, Cranbrook Avenue, and Hickory Avenue (open to residents only)

Designated Viewing Areas:

- Los Angeles County Courthouse Parking lot (825 Maple Avenue, Torrance)
- Toyota Sports Complex (599 Maple Avenue, Torrance)

Safety Message:

The 4th of July is one of America's favorite holidays. And why not? Families and friends gather to celebrate our country's freedom with food, parades, parties, picnics and fireworks. However, there can be a very dark side to this great holiday. For many, the celebration includes alcohol, and the holiday can quickly go from festive to fatal when people choose to drive after drinking.

To crack down on drunk driving this 4th of July, the Torrance Police Department will be out in full force, aggressively targeting those who put lives in danger. If you're caught driving drunk or drug-impaired, you will be arrested. Aside from putting your life and the lives of others at risk, driving impaired can also lead to serious consequences. A DUI

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arrest can mean time in jail, loss of your license, and steep financial expenses; the average DUI costs about \$10,000.

Fireworks:

Selling or possessing fireworks is illegal in the City of Torrance. Any person caught with any type of firework or explosive device is subject to a minimum fine of \$100.00. As in previous years, the Torrance Police and Fire Departments will be conducting special enforcement operations with the sole purpose of identifying, locating, and citing all those who are in violation of any firework ordinance.

For more information please visit: www.torranceca.gov/fireworks

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