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Memo

To: Sandy City Council
From: Battalion Chief Robert DeKorver, Fire Marshal
Date: June 18, 2020
Re: July Firework restrictions and staffing

With the July 4th and 24th holidays rapidly approaching and the cancelling of nearly all professional firework displays due to the Covid-19 pandemic. I felt that it was important to update the city council on measures that the Sandy City Fire department is taking to try to prevent and mitigate any fire related emergencies due to a possible increase use of consumer fireworks. The following is a list of actions we will be taking over the next month.

1 – All firework tents and stores will be inspected to ensure that only legal fireworks are being sold from their locations. During these inspections each sales area will receive a minimum of one firework restricted area map that they will be required to display in high traffic areas prior to receiving a permit.

2 – We will be placing a total of 7 traffic message boards on all main roads that lead into the city restricted areas. These boards will read, “No Fireworks Beyond this point”

3 – We will be placing new 48X48 signs at the entrances of most streets along 1300 East that will read Fireworks Restricted area.

4 – We will still be placing the smaller yard signs throughout the restricted areas and along Dimple Dell.

5 – Our Parks department has been cutting fire breaks to reduce the event of a fire progressing to far beyond our capabilities to handle.

6 – We will be working with our city public information team to get the press involved in highlighting our firework restricted areas. We will also continue to ask citizens to following health department guidelines with social distancing and encourage citizens to self-restrict the use of fireworks in non-firework restricted areas.

7 – We will be staffing all 3 brush trucks with 2 personnel each for the four days that citizens can shoot fireworks. We will then add an engine with 4 personnel on the holiday itself.

It is our hope that the citizens of Sandy City can have an enjoyable holiday while being safe during these times when most celebrations have been canceled. The warm temperatures and winds have placed most areas of our state about a month earlier into the wildland season, which means that the fire danger has increased considerably. That with the Covid-19 response places our first responders at a greater risk for injury or illness. Let's have a great and safe 4th and 24th of July.