

PUBLIC SAFETY


MOTION

Illegal fireworks continue to be a problem in the City, particularly around New Year's Eve and Independence Day. Illegal fireworks usage leads to injuries and fires every year, as well as contributes to air quality issues and has other negative impacts on the quality of life of residents. The City has tried a number of ways to reduce this problem over the years, including significant outreach and education campaigns as well as enforcement, but nothing tried so far has made a significant dent in the use of illegal fireworks.

The City is not the only jurisdiction in the region that has issues with illegal fireworks. In an effort to address this issue, the County of San Bernardino created a new mobile application, which allows residents to report illegal fireworks usage. Data collected through the application is uploaded to a database viewable to fire and law enforcement officials, who can then direct patrol resources to areas with a high number of complaints. Further, homeowners, on whose properties fireworks are used, of properties where are automatically cited. This model may be a useful template for enforcement in the City.

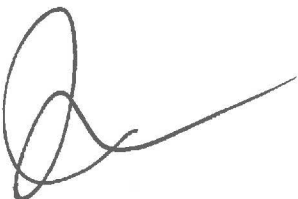
I THEREFORE MOVE that the Fire and Police Departments, with the assistance of the Information Technology Agency and the City Attorney's Office, be directed to report on the County of San Bernardino's model of tracking and responding to fireworks complaints received through a mobile application, and on the feasibility of implementing a similar program in the City of Los Angeles.

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