

FIREWORKS ENFORCEMENT PLAN



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Provide Safety for the Public and First Responders

- Augmented police and fire staff will perform citywide patrols.
- Gather evidence for administrative citations (video, photos).
- Continue efforts to change the social conscience of illegal fireworks use.

Public Outreach

- “Zero Tolerance” signage will be posted on all fireworks stands.
- Printed Fireworks Safety materials will be distributed to schools and fireworks stands.
- Fireworks Safety and Enforcement signage placed throughout the City starting June 1st

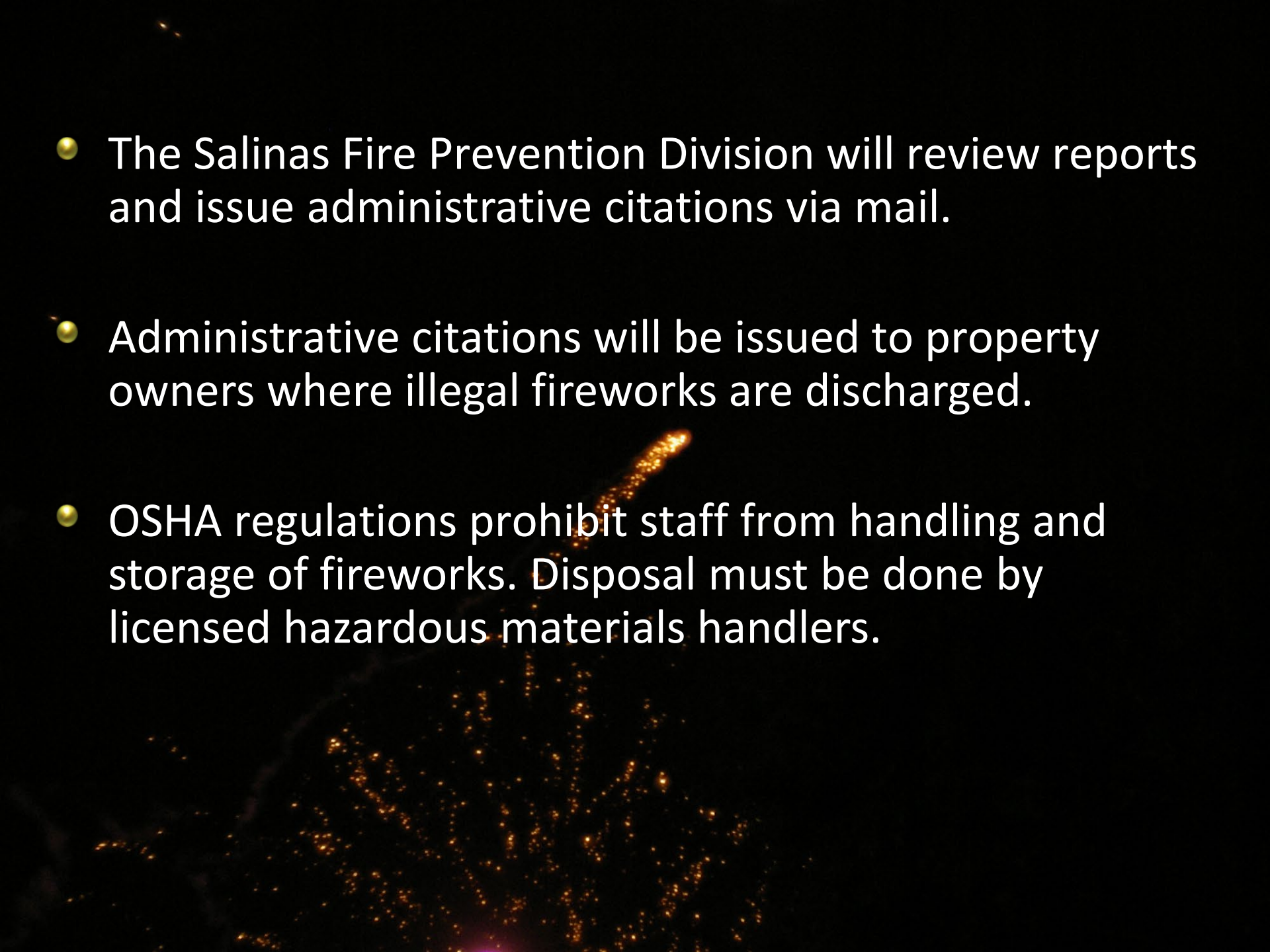
- Promotion of the City of Salinas Fireworks website www.salinasfireworks.com and Salinas Connect App



- Press releases and interviews with local news outlets to spread the word about fireworks safety and the penalties for use of illegal fireworks.
- Collaboration with City of Salinas PIO and Mag One Media to continue our social media campaign

Enforcing City Laws and Ordinances

- Roaming marked and unmarked patrols units will be deployed throughout the city during the holiday period.
- SFD and SPD Drone Teams will be deployed strategically throughout the city.
- Additional Fire Department resources will be deployed for emergency responses and to assist with “observing and reporting” the use of illegal fireworks.

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- The Salinas Fire Prevention Division will review reports and issue administrative citations via mail.
 - Administrative citations will be issued to property owners where illegal fireworks are discharged.
 - OSHA regulations prohibit staff from handling and storage of fireworks. Disposal must be done by licensed hazardous materials handlers.

Funding

- Costs to cover the 2026 emergency response and enforcement efforts for illegal fireworks will be paid through the 7% surcharge recovered from sale of Safe and Sane Fireworks Stands.
- Combined fund balances for 2025 fireworks related revenue are approximately \$ 68,000.

QUESTIONS ?

