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Press Release

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4th of July Celebration

Summer has arrived and the 4th of July is upon us. The City of El Segundo is once again hosting activities at Recreation Park during the day and the fireworks show at night.

The El Segundo Police Department wishes to remind its residents and visitors to be safe while enjoying the holiday festivities. There will be many block parties throughout the residential area of the city and residents are encouraged to drive safely while traveling to their destinations.

Historically on this date, Dockweiler State Beach reaches its parking capacity early in the day which causes a backup of vehicles on Imperial Highway from Vista Del Mar to the 105 Freeway. The drivers of these cars often seek alternative routes to the beach and enter the City of El Segundo from Imperial Highway. In their haste to reach their destination, many of these drivers, who are unfamiliar with our streets, create an unsafe environment for others.

Motor officers will be assigned to monitor the area and take appropriate action whenever necessary. If the large influx of vehicles creates an unacceptable risk to the pedestrians and drivers in the area, the department is prepared to close the entrances to the city from Imperial Highway at both Main Street and California Street, as permitted by law. Vehicles will still be able to enter the city from Sepulveda Boulevard and Grand Avenue.

Additionally, it is illegal to possess or use fireworks in the City of El Segundo, including those considered “safe and sane.” Any possession or use of fireworks may result in the confiscation of those fireworks and prosecution.

Please contact Lt. Carlos Mendoza at 310-524-2254 if you have any questions regarding police operations on this date.