



CITY COUNCIL REPORT CITY OF FAIR OAKS RANCH, TEXAS

AGENDA TOPIC: April 8, 2024 Total Eclipse Event
DATE: March 21, 2024
DEPARTMENT: Police Department
PRESENTED BY: Tim Moring, Chief of Police

INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND:

On April 8, 2024, a total solar eclipse will take place with the epicenter occurring just north of our City. In anticipation of this event, City staff has continually communicated and attended planning meetings with the City of Boerne and Kendall County. Similar to past events across the country, we expect a high volume of people to arrive in our area as early as Friday, April 5th. A temporary increase in population has the potential to temporarily affect our local infrastructure and emergency services. Specifically, we expect a large increase in traffic along IH-10 and Ralph Fair Road as visitors utilize these major thoroughfares as they head towards Kerrville, Fredericksburg, and other areas along the epicenter of the eclipse.

In anticipation of this, several Cities and Counties are preparing to increase staffing and supplies. The Fair Oaks Ranch Police Department is bringing in extra officers on the day of the eclipse to ensure emergency services are not delayed and to assist Boerne and Kendall County in the event if requested.

Information on the total eclipse event can be found at:

<https://www.greatamericaneclipse.com/texas-2024-eclipse>
<https://science.nasa.gov/eclipses/future-eclipses/eclipse-2024/>

POLICY ANALYSIS/BENEFIT(S) TO CITIZENS:

Bringing additional personnel for the day of the event, we will ensure that response times and emergency services are not impacted.

LONGTERM FINANCIAL & BUDGETARY IMPACT:

Overtime costs for additional personnel will be incurred by the City but no long-term budgetary impacts are anticipated.

LEGAL ANALYSIS:

N/A

RECOMMENDATION/PROPOSED MOTION:

No motion or Council approval is needed.