JUNO BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO:

Chief Smith

Major Saloio

FROM:

Sgt. Kenny

SUBJECT: After-Action Report; 2024 Art Fest – March 8, 9, 10 2024

DATE:

March 25, 2024

Sir,

I would submit the following information relative to our After-Action Review of the 2024 Art Fest:

Attendance was high for the event. Overall, the event went very well, and it was estimated that more than 10,000 people attended the event. Our staffing numbers were 1 officer less on Saturday and 2 officers less on Sunday compared to last year due to last minute call outs. The impact of being down officers was felt, but we made some minor adjustments and were able to overcome the shortage in manpower though I would not recommend reducing the number of personnel in the future.

For reference, I have attached the personnel schedule, including assignments, for both Saturday and Sunday. I would submit the following relative to operational and personnel assignments for consideration:

- 1. The earlier start of two of the officers was a great help and I would recommend we continue to do this with all large events in the future.
- 2. The water barriers provided by the MOT company were porous and didn't function properly. For future events it is recommended we utilize water barriers from Public Works so we can have more control over the integrity of these devices.
- 3. The assistance of loggerhead personnel at the driveway split helped with controlling proper vehicles admittance to the loggerhead parking lot. This was a last-minute adjustment and in future years we should have a brief meeting prior to the event to coordinate efforts and discuss strategies.
- 4. There was some confusion about the bus route among the drivers. The best

route for traffic flow and safety was having the buses enter from US 1 and exit south bound on Ocean Dr. The large coach buses were an unnecessary burden to the flow of traffic, smaller buses were able to navigate easier and the loading and unloading was smoother.

4. We experienced a high number of heat-related injuries and to mitigate this in the future hydration stations should be established throughout the event. Shaded sitting areas would go a long way in preventing so many medical calls.

Sgt. John Kenny