



MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: PATRICK J. MARTINEZ, CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: WEEKLY MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 5, 2024

1. It is the City's mission to strive to build a connected and engaged community through open communication and active public participation. On **June 9, 2023**, the City of Needles launched the "Needles Connect" citizen engagement mobile app, which now has more than 500 users. City staff works diligently to keep the community informed with up-to-date city news, events, and important information that will empower citizens. Citizens can also report streetlight outages, utility breaks, outages, graffiti, potholes, or cannabis odors. Download the citizen engagement mobile app in the [Apple App](#) or [Google Play Store](#) today. Refer to the attached flyer and scan the QR code to download or for more details.
2. On **June 27, 2024**, the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department honored 25 individuals at the Sheriff's Exceptional Service Awards for 2022 and 2023. These awards recognized community members, public safety personnel, and members of the Sheriff's Department who demonstrated exceptional service, bravery, and heroism beyond normal expectations. I'm proud to announce that Captain Ross Tarangle of the Colorado River Sheriffs Department received the Medal of Valor from Sheriff Shannon Dicus for his significant impact on our community. Congratulations, Captain Tarangle, and thank you for your contributions to keeping our community safe!
3. On **June 27, 2024**, city staff, the San Bernardino County Fire Department, and the San Bernardino Sheriff's Department (SBSD) responded to a vegetation fire on North K Street at BNSF property. The fire was quickly contained, leaving behind burnt vegetation and debris on the ground. In collaboration with Code Enforcement and BNSF Police, the overgrown vegetation was removed and cleared by BNSF. We appreciate the city's relationship with BNSF and value their partnership. Refer to the attached images for reference.
4. On **June 29, 2024**, the San Bernardino County Fire Department increased its staffing at Needles Station 32. The number of personnel on the fire engine has

been raised from three (3) to four (4) individuals. We want to express our gratitude to the San Bernardino County Supervisors for approving the additional staffing, which will enhance the safety of the residents of the City of Needles and our firefighters. This accomplishment results from continuous efforts and the approval of the county budget. The extra staffing at the station will be beneficial in handling calls when additional engines are unavailable. Refer to the attached image highlighting Station 32's participation in the City of Needles Recreation Center Day Camp.

5. From **July 4, 2024, through July 7, 2024**, the Colorado River Sheriffs Department will conduct Fourth of July Marine Enforcement Patrol Operations and a Zero-Tolerance Illegal Fireworks Operation. Deputies from the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department will be involved in enhanced patrol activities near and on the waterways of the Colorado River, patrolling by land, water, and air.

Every year, illegal fireworks are responsible for brush fires, structure fires, and blast/burn injuries to adults and children. To reduce the adverse effects of fireworks in our communities, the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department will conduct zero-tolerance, illegal fireworks suppression operations. Those found in violation will be cited and face the maximum penalties allowed by law. Refer to the attached press releases for further information. To report illegal fireworks, call Sheriff's Dispatch at (909) 387-8313 (Valley) or (760) 956-5001 (Desert). Anonymously report illegal fireworks at We-Tip hotline 1-800-47-ARSON.

6. **IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:**

- **Housing Authority of the City of Needles** is accepting applications from **July 1, 2024, until July 31, 2024**. Applications can be obtained and submitted to the Needles Housing Authority at 908 Sycamore Drive. For more information please call (760)326-3222.
- **Palo Verde College** is hosting "Pirate Tuesday" on **July 26, 2024**, from 10am to 2pm at the Palo Verde Needles Education Center located at 725 W. Broadway (formerly Claypool's). This community outreach event will feature free food, snacks, and drinks. All are welcome to join! For more information, call 760-326-5033.

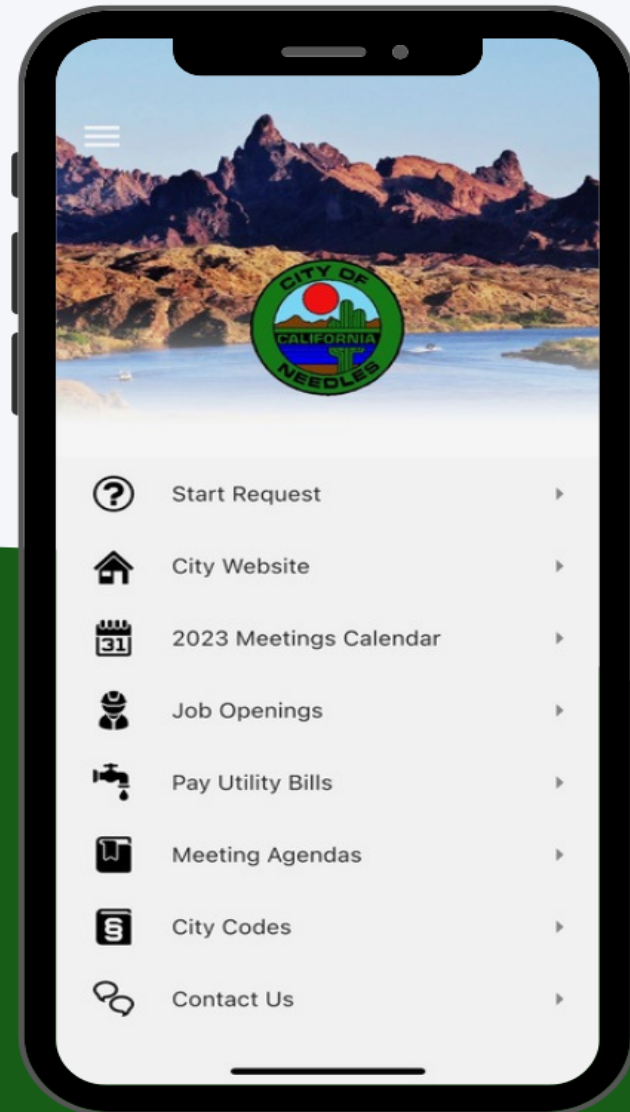
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3. FIRE ABATEMENT NORTH K STREET

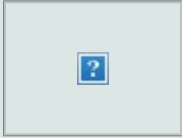


4. STATION 32 SBC FIRE



5. COLORADO RIVER STATION OPERATIONS JULY 4TH.

Monday July 1, 2024, 9:42 AM



SBSD - Colorado River Sheriffs Department

Advisory: Colorado River Station to Conduct Fourth of July Marine Enforcement Patrol Operations July 4th, through July 7th

Dear patrick martinez,

DATE: July 1, 2024

INCIDENT: Marine Enforcement Patrol Operations

LOCATION: Colorado River, San Bernardino County

The Colorado River Station will be conducting Fourth of July Marine Enforcement Patrol Operations Thursday, July 4th, 2024 through Sunday, July 7th, 2024. Deputies from the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department will be involved in enhanced patrol activities near and on the waterways of the Colorado River patrolling by land, water, and air. Deputies will be deployed from the Nevada State line to the Riverside County line, and will be monitoring the waterway for operators operating watercraft under the influence or in a reckless manner. The Colorado River Station will be participating in Operation Dry Water from July 4th through July 6th. Persons stopped operating watercraft under the influence of alcohol and or drugs will be arrested and booked into jail. Deputies will also be closely watching for children under the age of 13 without personal floatation devices (PFD's) while aboard vessels. The law requires all persons under the age of 13 while onboard a vessel wear a personal floatation device. The San Bernardino

County Sheriff's Department encourages all persons to wear personal floatation devices while on the waterways as it is a proven fact personal floatation devices save lives.

Other violations commonly seen by marine patrol deputies are transom/bow riding and blue light violations. With the increasing popularity of wake boarding, wake surfing, and tubing, deputies are noticing an increase of people on boats who are transom riding. All persons on board a boat while underway (not moored or at anchor) shall be within the confines of the vessel so the risk of falling overboard or being struck by a propeller is greatly reduced. The blue light law requires all vessels approaching a law enforcement vessel with activated blue lights to come off plane and pass at a no wake speed so not to endanger the deputies during the stop and to reduce the chance of damaging boats.

Deputies will be conducting carriage equipment inspections of all boats stopped for violations. These Carriage requirements include; a type IV throwable PFD immediately available, enough PFD's for every person on board the vessel readily accessible, a servicable fire extinguisher and a sounding device.

All California boat operators 16-60 years old are required to have in their possession a California Boater Education Card issued by the CA Division of Boating and Waterways. For information on obtaining a card go to <http://californiaboatercard.com/>.

The San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department is dedicated to providing a safe boating atmosphere for the public and urges everyone to boat sober and wear their life jackets. For more information regarding safe boating practices, visit the California State Parks Division of Boating and Waterways web site at www.dbw.ca.gov.

For press releases, news and information, follow the Colorado River Station on X at: @CORiverStation, Facebook and/or Instagram @SBCSDColoradoRiverStation

Refer: Travis Vessells, Sergeant
Colorado River Station Marine Enforcement Unit
Phone No: (760) 326-9200

SHANNON DICUS, Sheriff-Coroner
San Bernardino County Sheriff-Coroner Department



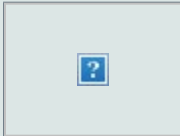
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Monday July 1, 2024, 3:18 PM



SBSD - Headquarters

Advisory: Sheriff's Department Conducting Zero-Tolerance Illegal Fireworks Operations from July 2nd through July 7th

Dear patrick martinez,

DATE: July 1, 2024

INCIDENT: Fireworks Suppression Operation

LOCATION: San Bernardino County

SUMMARY: Every year illegal fireworks are responsible for brush fires, structure fires, and blast/burn injuries to adults and children. Additionally, the noise and lights from illegal fireworks has an adverse effect on many military veterans and animals. To reduce the adverse effects of fireworks in our communities, the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department will conduct zero-tolerance, illegal fireworks suppression operations. Operations will begin July 2, 2024, and run through July 7, 2024, throughout San Bernardino County. Those found in violation will be cited and face the maximum penalties allowed by law. Additionally, if a person causes a fire as a result of using fireworks, they will face criminal charges and be liable for any damages caused by the fire.

Only "safe and Sane" fireworks are permitted in the following cities: Adelanto, Chino, Colton, Needles, and Rialto, as well as specific locations in Fontana,

Grand Terrace, and San Bernardino. "Safe and sane" fireworks are the only type of fireworks allowed in these areas and bear the California State Fire Marshal Seal. Possession of fireworks of any kind, including "safe and sane" is prohibited in all unincorporated areas of San Bernardino County.

For more information on fireworks safety, contact the local fire department in your area, or visit <https://sbcfire.org/fireworkssafety/>. To report illegal fireworks, call Sheriff's Dispatch at (909) 387-8313 (Valley) or (760) 956-5001 (Desert). Anonymously report illegal fireworks at We-Tip hotline 1-800-47-ARSON.

Refer: Public Affairs

Phone No. (909) 387-3700

SHANNON D. DICUS, Sheriff-Coroner
San Bernardino County Sheriff-Coroner Department



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