

NEWS RELEASE

CAL FIRE SAN LUIS OBISPO UNIT

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CAL FIRE Reports Successful Fourth of July Fireworks Task Force Efforts

San Luis Obispo County, CA – CAL FIRE San Luis Obispo County Fire Department is sharing the results of our Fourth of July operational and enforcement efforts. These efforts were conducted in coordination with the San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Office and local public safety partners to help keep communities safe over the holiday weekend.

To help reduce the risk of fires, injuries, and other emergencies, we increased staffing and deployed additional specialized response resources throughout San Luis Obispo County. All fireworks enforcement actions reported in this release were conducted by CAL FIRE Law Enforcement Officers assigned to the CAL FIRE San Luis Obispo Unit Prevention Bureau.

Our CAL FIRE Law Enforcement Officers responded to 26 fireworks-related incidents, including 15 incidents in the Nipomo and Oceano areas. Officers made 230 public contacts and issued five criminal citations. Enhanced CAL FIRE enforcement staffing included four CAL FIRE Law Enforcement Officers assigned to Pismo Beach and three CAL FIRE Law Enforcement Officers assigned throughout the county.

Our emergency crews responded to two fireworks-related calls, and no significant fires were reported. As part of our enhanced holiday staffing plan, Medic Squad 72 was assigned to the Oceano Dunes to provide rapid off-highway vehicle response, while Boat 33 was deployed at Lake Nacimiento to support water-related medical and fire emergencies.

Overall, we observed fewer fireworks-related emergencies than in prior years. This positive outcome reflects the value of increased prevention and enforcement staffing, enhanced emergency response resources, strong interagency coordination, and the many residents and visitors who chose to celebrate responsibly.

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