

Mesa Police Department



MPD Fireworks Enforcement Operational Plan



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MPD Operational Plan Effective Dates

SALE	USE
April 25 - May 6	May 4 - 6 from 8 AM to 11 PM
May 20 - July 6	June 24 - July 6 from 8 AM to 11 PM (July 4 from 11 PM to 1 AM July 5)
December 10 - January 3	December 26 - January 4 from 8 AM to 11 PM (December 31 from 11 PM to 1 AM January 1)
Two days before the first day of Diwali though the third day of Diwali each year.	The second and third days of Diwali



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Prohibited Consumer Fireworks

- Skyrockets/Bottle Rockets
- Firecrackers
- Reloadable Shell Device/Roman Candles
- Aerials
- Single Tube Devices

Residents can report fireworks concerns and tips to the Mesa Police Department

- Phone: (480) 644-2211 (non-emergency)
- Email: FIREWORKS@mesaaz.gov
- On-line Reporting Portal (Still in development)



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Plan of Action – During Sales Dates

- MPD Media Relations Office will post education on the use of illegal fireworks on social media
- MPD Community Action Officers, working with the Mesa Fire and Medical Department's Fire Inspector, will coordinate inspections of sales locations
- MPD Street Crimes Detectives will proactively attempt to purchase illegal fireworks within the City of Mesa from various sources
- MPD Community Action Officers will send out reminder cards to residents identified during previous calls for service and tips from the community about using illegal fireworks.



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CONGRATULATIONS!

Someone special let us know about
your amazing fireworks show!

Fireworks that shoot projectiles into the
air or explode are illegal in Arizona.

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Undercover detectives, officers, and
Fire Inspector's will be working to
ensure that your firework show
only includes legal fireworks.



Your safety is our
#1 priority.

It would be unfortunate if your
holiday was ruined because of a
criminal citation for an illegal
fireworks display.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. We hope you have a safe holiday!



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Plan of Action – During the Holiday

- ❖ July 4th
- ❖ December 31st

- Each Division's Street Crimes Squads will be on duty
 - Respond in real time to Calls for Service
 - Proactively look for illegal fireworks in use
 - Respond to Tips received during the night.
- Community Action Officers will follow up on tips and calls for service where no one was located or unable to cite



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Plan of Action – During Defined Use Dates

- ❖ May 4th – 6th
 - ❖ June 24th – July 3rd & July 5th – 6th
 - ❖ December 26th – 30th
 - ❖ January 1st – 4th
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- Patrol Response to Calls for Service on in-progress incidents
 - CAO follow-up on tips and calls for service where no one was located or unable to cite



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Questions

