



# Mesa Police Department

## **MPD Fireworks Enforcement Operational July 4, 2024 Results**

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October 21, 2024

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## MPD Fireworks Enforcement

### 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](mailto:FIREWORKS@mesaaz.gov)
- On-line Reporting Portal (Developed and released to public)



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### Actions Taken – During Sales Dates

- MPD Media Relations Office posted education on the use of illegal fireworks on social media
- MPD Community Action Officers worked with the MFMD's Fire Inspector, inspecting sales locations
- MPD Street Crimes Detectives proactively purchased illegal fireworks within the City of Mesa from various sources
- MPD Community Action Officers sent 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.

**ARS 36-1601**

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!



Mailer sent out

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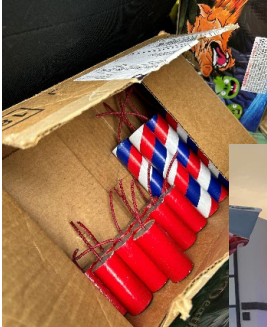
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## Pre-Holiday Enforcement

- Numerous seizures and arrests

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Pre-Holiday Seizures



84,360 lbs seized in  
one case



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### During the Holiday- July 4th

- Street Crimes Squads on duty (2 Lieutenants, 4 Sergeants and 27 Detectives)
  - Responded in real time to Calls for Service
  - Proactively looked for illegal fireworks in use
  - Responded to Tips received during the night.
- Community Action Officers follow up on tips and calls for service where no one was located or unable to cite





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### Results– On July 4th

#### Firework Requests for Enforcement During Operation

District	Fireworks App.	Dispatch Calls	Total
Central	58	26	84
Fiesta	74	19	177
Red Mtn.	192	39	231
Super	203	22	225
Total	527	106	633

#### Firework Enforcement Stats:

Firework related contacts:	69
Firework related warnings:	22
Firework criminal cites:	13
Firework civil cites:	14





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### July 4<sup>th</sup>- Enforcement Seizures





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## Questions

