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SANTA MONICA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Public Information Bulletin

CELEBRATE A SAFE 4TH OF JULY!

Santa Monica **does not** have a fireworks display on the 4th of July. But, there are many professional fireworks displays and events planned in and around our surrounding area.

--All fireworks displays start at 9 p.m.--

This Saturday, June 27th, 2009, **Santa Monica College's** traditional "Celebrate America" event will be held at the Santa Monica College's Corsair Field (no food or drink will be allowed on the field). A Community and Food Fair will be held at the Church on Pearl (16th and Pearl Street). Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Entertainment begins at 6:30 p.m.

For your convenience, the following is a partial list of **free** celebrations you may wish to attend on Saturday, the 4th of July:

Marina del Rey – In the Marina Harbor. See <http://beaches.co.la.ca.us/BandH/Marina/ChacePark.htm>.

Culver City High School – Gates open at 5 p.m. Held at the athletic field. Parking near the corner off Braddock at Huron. See <http://culvercityfireworksshow.com/>.

Pacific Palisades – Parade at 2 p.m. along Sunset Blvd. Fireworks show at **Palisades High**, 15777 Bowdoin, with entertainment starting at 7 p.m.

El Segundo – Daytime events, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., at El Segundo Recreation Park. Fireworks at 300 & 400 blocks of Eucalyptus Street with entertainment starting at 5 p.m. For more information, see: <http://www.elsegundo.org/news/displaynews.asp?NewsID=168>.

Torrance – The celebration begins at 11:00 a.m. at Charles Wilson Park, 2200 Crenshaw Boulevard, and culminates with fireworks. See <http://www.ci.torrance.ca.us/Parks/7652.htm>.

For your safety, we remind you that use of fireworks often starts brush, home, and forest fires, endangering the lives of many unnecessarily. Many people, including young children, are injured or burned each year from using even "Safe and Sane" fireworks.

The Santa Monica Police Department reminds you that ALL fireworks are illegal to sell, possess, or use in the City. This includes the "Safe and Sane" fireworks as well. Any fireworks in your possession will be confiscated. Their possession is punishable by fines, imprisonment or both.*

Drinking alcoholic beverages in public places, including at the beach and pier, is against the law, and is strictly enforced.

DO NOT DRINK AND DRIVE! If you decide to drink, choose a designated driver to drive you, friends and family home safely.

*SMC Section 8.40.010 and 8.40.020 pursuant to CFC Chapter 33, Section 3309 of the California Fire Code.