

Fireworks Questions

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- For CalFire: Please share a report of illegal fireworks seizures by department for all So Cal jurisdictions showing pounds seized by each department in each of the last five years.
- What would be required for the City of LA to cite and fine the owner of the property where illegal fireworks were being used? A so called "Social Host Ordinance." Similar to the way parties in the Hollywood Hills are currently handled. Examples would be Riverside County Contra Costa County, Folsom, San Diego. There are numerous examples to review.
- Is it feasible to write an ordinance to allow officers to impound vehicles used to illegally transport illegal fireworks?
- In all cases minimum fines need to be relative to the cost of enforcement and product profit in the case of sellers. We suggest \$1,000 as a minimum starting fine with escalating amounts for repeat offenses for users and \$5,000 for sellers. It appears clear that this be done by City ordinance.
- How long should it take to get the dead/impounded animals' information (Motion was passed in March)? Is there a requirement to provide information requested by an action taken by City Council within a specified time frame?
- City Attorney Website, City Council websites say all fireworks are illegal in City of Los Angeles and to report to 311, why is there no dedicated "Illegal Fireworks" report selection?
- How quickly is a <https://complaint.lacity.org/Complaint/fireworks/> fireworks report dispatched to police?
- How many fireworks possession/use related charges were filed in the past 5 years and what was the conviction rate and average penalty?
- How many fireworks sales/distribution/transportation related charges were filed in the past 5 years and what was the conviction rate and average penalty?
- What are the obstacles for establishing a buyback program and how can they be overcome? When will this report be available?
- Can the LAFD drones be used for fire prevention, and if that fails, suppression, by locating the source of illegal fireworks.
- What can be done to reduce the incidence of fireworks on Independence Day 2021. What can be done so quickly that some difference can be made?
- For each of the Panel Members: What needs to change to eliminate your most common obstacle to reducing the incidence of illegal fireworks.