

ATTACHMENT A: Illegal Fireworks Activities Timeline

Date	Activity
1977-1984	State approved fireworks were allowed in San José.
1984	City Council amended the San Jose Municipal Code banning all fireworks, including “safe and sane” fireworks.
2014	Fire and Police Departments were directed to look for options that might slow and eventually contain the illegal use, sale, possession and storage of fireworks.
August 20, 2014	Rules and Open Government Committee directed the City Manager to draft and bring forward to City Council an ordinance which would authorize the issuance of Administrative Citations and fines for the use, possession, sale, and storage of Fireworks.
June 23, 2015	City Council directed staff to establish a new framework to cite, fine, and adjudicate the use, possession, sale, advertisement for sale, transportation, and/or manufacturing of fireworks and to explore the use of Administrative Citations in addition to criminal charges.
April 12, 2016	City Council adopted an ordinance amending the San Jose Municipal Code to prohibit the sale, use, possession, and storage of all types of fireworks. A resolution was also adopted amending the Administration Citation Schedule of Fines to establish administrative fines for fireworks-related violations.
July 1, 2016-July 5, 2016	Illegal Fireworks Pilot Program entailing publicity and enforcement. Illegal Fireworks Online Reporting System was created as a technology solution to allow the public to inform the City of illegal fireworks activity (up to 6 Code Enforcement Inspectors and 4-6 Fire Prevention Inspectors will review online reports).
April 2017	Police Department created a list from 2016 Fourth of July data identifying 62 “hot spots” citywide.
May-June-July 2017	City instituted a comprehensive marketing and outreach campaign, implemented a new online fireworks reporting platform, and deployed “in the field” enforcement personnel for the 2017 Fourth of July.
September 2017	City Manager designated the Fire Department as the lead department for coordination and project implementation. City Council provided direction on Fines and Appeals, Use of Volunteers, and Outreach and Marketing Campaign.
November 28, 2017	High level Illegal Fireworks Plan developed and presented to City Council; Expanded illegal fireworks messaging campaign and online reporting to New Year’s Eve and Tet/Lunar New Year; Created a “Save Lives, Including Your Own” New Year’s Eve fireworks and Tet/Lunar New Year campaign; Established a dedicated phone line for reporting illegal fireworks activity; Updated and improved Illegal Fireworks Online Reporting Form.

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January 1, 2018	Established new advance deposit hardship waiver qualification criteria for all administrative citations.
March 16, 2018	Applied for Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security Fire Prevention & Safety (FP&S) Grant to provide education and awareness funding to assist the City in accomplishing our goals.
March 20, 2018	City Council approved the Mayor's March Budget Message for 2018-2019, which recommended one-time funding to support the Rotary International 2018 Fourth of July Fireworks event.
April 2018	Established Education and Awareness, Reporting, and Enforcement as major program components along with the lowering injuries and fires, increasing the number of actionable reports, and decreasing the number of illegal fireworks hotspots as program goals.
August 2018	Fire IT took over support of the online reporting tool.
October 2018	Initiated regular reporting at Neighborhoods Commission.
February 2019	Planning, Building and Code Enforcement conducted community survey. Received 178 responses out of 616 surveys sent out.
May 2019	Fire Department partnered with Andrew P. Hill High School, Leigh High School, and Dartmouth Middle School to display messaging campaign on digital boards and banners.
June 2019	Google translation service added to the online reporting system.
July 2019	Planning, Building and Code Enforcement sent emails and phone calls to reporting parties who submitted reports during the 2019 Fourth of July reporting period advising individuals that their report resulted in the issuance of a Warning Notice.