



Grover Beach Police & Fire Departments

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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FOURTH OF JULY HOLIDAY CELEBRATION – SAFETY TIPS, SCHEDULED DETOURS & ROAD CLOSURES

The sale of "Safe and Sane" fireworks is legal within city limits between 12 Noon on Saturday, June 28 through 12 Noon on Saturday, July 5. The Grover Beach Police and Fire Departments and all agencies within the South County want to ensure this Fourth of July is safe and enjoyable for everyone. We ask that citizens observe the following:

DO ...

- * Use only fireworks with the State Fire Marshal's Seal.
- * Use only "Safe and Sane" fireworks.
- * Clear area of flammable material before lighting fireworks.
- * Have a bucket of water or charged garden hose available to extinguish burning embers.
- * Have an adult supervise the fireworks displays.



DO NOT ...

- * Alter the fireworks in any way.
- * Allow children to light fireworks.
- * Throw fireworks.
- * Use illegal fireworks - fireworks that explode or shoot in the sky are illegal (e.g., bottle rockets, cherry bombs, M-80s and M-100s are banned explosives).

Traffic Controls:

State Parks & Beaches will close all vehicular access to the beach when it has reached maximum capacity. At that point, re-entry will *not* be allowed.

Once vehicle access to the beach has closed:

Traffic will *not* be allowed on W. Grand Ave., west of Hwy 1, and will be detoured *north or south* on Hwy 1 only.

Driving on the Beach:

The tides could have an affect on your enjoyment of the fireworks display. Should you be planning to drive on the beach this year, there are a few things you should know: (*High tides will be at 12:51 p.m. & 11:26 p.m.*)

After the Fireworks Display on the Pismo Pier has Concluded:

When leaving the beach via West Grand Avenue beach ramp:

- There will be one lane of traffic exiting the beach.
- Westbound Grand Avenue traffic will not be allowed west of 4th Street.
- Westbound traffic will be diverted northbound at 4th Street and will continue until traffic lanes are reopened to normal traffic flows.

Parking:

An alternative to parking your vehicle on the beach is parking it legally on city streets and walking to the beach. This option could save you the worry about incoming tides and time waiting for traffic exiting the beach.

Exiting the Beach from Oceano:

If you leave the beach from Pier Avenue in Oceano, remember you will *not* be able to drive north on Hwy 1. The California Highway Patrol will be detouring traffic *south* on Highway 1 into Oceano.

The Grover Beach Police & Fire Departments wish everyone a safe and sane Fourth of July!

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