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CITY OF TYBEE ISLAND

To: Mayor and City Council
From: Diane Schleicher, City Manager
Date: July 8, 2011
RE: 4th of July Weekend Report

First of all, I appreciate the hard work and dedication of the city staff for making this 2011 4th of July weekend a safe event for everyone who participated in the celebration.

The information in this report will be valuable to the city as we plan in the future for next year's celebration. The city also has an on-line survey and is currently collecting data and feedback from residents, businesses and visitors about this past 4th of July weekend. The data below is for the period of July 1 – 4, 2011 for the Police Department, Fire Department, Ocean Rescue, Parking Services and Department of Public Works and includes some recommendations, comments and observations.

Police Department:

Calls for Service:	132	Vehicular Accidents:	3
Arrests:		Vehicles Towed:	9
• Criminal	40	Citizen Complaints:	0
• DUI	9		
• Traffic	45		

Traffic Count:

Friday, July 1, 2011

- counter under repair

Saturday, July 2, 2011

- 13,444 (East)
- 10,072 (West)

Sunday, July 3, 2011

- 15,756 (East)
- 11,365 (West)

Monday, July 4, 2011

- 9,011 (East)
- 12,874 (West)

Police Staffing:

Friday, July 1, 2011 – normal shifts, 3 full time and 8 part-time officers

Saturday, July 2, 2011 – normal shifts, 3 full time and 8 part-time officers

Sunday, July 3, 2011 – 16 full-time officers and 12 part-time officers

Monday – normal shifts, 3 full time and 6 part-time officers

Police Chief's Recommendations:

Chief Bryson feels that having fireworks on our nation's birthday would be in the best interest of public safety. It is also the reason for the celebration. The City of Tybee Island is not playing second fiddle or an understudy to any other municipality in Georgia. People come here in large numbers because we are Tybee Island. The Tybee Island Police Department will always continue to strive for excellence. Chief Bryson is always seeking new ways to improve the department's level of service and looks forward to the next challenge as an opportunity to showcase the police department.

The use of Lovell Avenue as a public safety corridor should be explored. Chief Bryson would also like review how the police department can improve traffic control at Tybrisa Street and Butler Avenue.

Fire Department:

Fire Department Staffing and Resources:

Personnel on standby during fireworks show: 8
Fire Vehicles on standby during firework show: 2 - Engine 4, Truck 8

Fire Calls: 0
Life Flight Helicopter Calls: 1

Ocean Rescue:

Rescues:	26
Medicals:	93
Lost Persons	67
Fights	3
Public Services	41
Total	230

Ocean Rescue Staffing:

Friday, July 1, 2011 – 22	
Saturday, July 2, 2011 – 27	
Sunday, July 3, 2011 – 36	
Monday, July 4, 2011 - 30	
Preventive Actions	1281
Jelly Fish Treatments	894

Fire Chief's Recommendation:

- Move fireworks to 4th of July to reduce the crowd for public safety.
- Utilize Lovell Avenue as a North/South Emergency Road.
- Utilize CERT Volunteers for traffic control.
- Utilize Savannah Metro's motorcycle patrol as a resource due to traffic congestion to respond to calls.
- Coordinate with Life Star, so that the helicopter stays on the island until the fireworks program is over.

Parking Services:

Citations Issued July 1-4, 2011

Friday, July 1, 2011 - 102
Saturday, July 2, 2011 - 262
Sunday, July 3, 2011 - 483
Monday, July 4, 2011 - 278
Total - 1125

Expired Time - 209
Parking Against Traffic - 39
Prohibited Parking - 165
No Readable Receipt - 45
Parking In Handicapped Space w/o Decal - 0
Fire Hydrant - 6
No Receipt - 661

Parking Observations:

The parking staff provided a map to police station parking lot indicating available parking as there were only 5 vehicles parked at that location on July 3rd, 2011.

Department of Public Works:

DPW Staffing:

Friday, July 1, 2011 - 22 at 8 hours
Saturday, July 2, 2011 - 12 at 6 hours, 2 at 8 hours
Sunday, July 3, 2011 - 12 at 6 hours, 2 at 8 hours
Monday, July 4, 2011 - 22 at 4 hours, 2 at 8 hours

- Equipment: 16 hours.
- Debris tonnage removed from beach and streets = approximately 40tons @ \$42/ton = \$1680 plus haul (6 x \$142 = \$852) = \$2,532
- Recycling collected from beach and streets = approximately 6 to 8 tons = \$350 to \$450 in value

DPW Comments and Observations:

Pluses: Volunteers were very helpful, more trash and recycling containers helped, better staff coordination, little if any vandalism.

Minuses: Trash was intense for 4 days, restrooms were overused, a lot of broken glass in parking lots, moderate road side damage due to excessive parking.

Overall: good staff response to an overwhelming situation.