PRESS RELEASE:

As we approach the 4th of July holiday weekend, we want to remind the public that the Santa Clara County Sheriff’s Office will have zero tolerance for the use of fireworks within the County (with the exception of residents in the City of Gilroy from July 1st to July 4th).

Anyone caught in the act of discharging or illegally storing fireworks in the County could face a fine up to $1000.00 and also be charged with a crime if the discharge of fireworks results in injuries or property damage (reference California Health & Safety Code 12700).

We will have extra deputies on patrol, in addition to designated strike teams that will respond to calls for service related to illegal fireworks. The risks that stem from illegal fireworks not only endanger people, but according to the United States Humane Society, “…they can be terrifying and overwhelming for pets—and possibly hazardous. On the Fourth of July, many pets become so frightened by the noise and commotion of fireworks that they run from otherwise familiar environments and people, and sadly become lost.”

Our priority is and will always be public safety and we hope everyone is able to safely enjoy their holiday weekend.

Residents may report fireworks by calling the 24-hour non-emergency number (408) 299-2311.