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City Council Meeting 6/4/2025

2025 4th of July Update

10th St. Access

- Will remain open this year
- Considered pedestrian safety corridor
 - o 10th St. is too skinny to maintain two lanes of travel and designated walking path
- Signage
 - Will be placing numerous signs along the shoulder of 10th
 - Signs consist of:
 - No Parking Along Sholder
 - 4 Wheel Drive Vehicles Only
 - Warning Soft Sand
 - Tow Zone
 - Caution Pedestrians
 - Officers will attempt to monitor access

Officer Directives

- Emphasis will be put on posting an officer at the shore off of 10th
 - o Officers will be monitoring activity
 - Large crowds of disorderly conduct
 - Minors in Possession (MIP) of alcohol and controlled substances
 - Dangerous illegal firework activity
 - Fighting and/or lewd conduct
 - Mandatory parental contact for MIP under 18 years of age
 - Cases forward to Juvenile Department
 - Citations for all violations
 - Arrests when applicable

Marion

- O During the day and into the evening and early morning hours
 - Monitor parking along Marion
 - Field interview occupants of vehicles into the morning
 - More MIP conduct
- Provide a safety space between intersections
 - No Parking signage in intersections of Marion
 - Approximately 10-15 feet on both sides
 - Opens the view for exiting vehicles
 - Lowers risk for collisions

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Fireworks

- Dangerous activity on beach will be investigated
- Primary focus will be on surface streets within city limits
 - o If observed by an officer, enforcement, including a warning or citation will be issued

Outside Agency Collaboration

- Chief to meet with other law enforcement executives to finalize discussions regarding their tactical plans
 - o June 19th, 2025
- Conversation has been going on for a couple months already
 - All agencies are staffing accordingly
 - o SPD will have 16 (estimate) OSP MRT Bicycle Troopers in town
 - o CBPD will be available for emergencies
 - WPD & APD will be focused on North County enforcement
 - CCSO should have a Deputy assigned to the coastline
 - Will respond if needed but limited and potential long wait times
 - OSP will be staffed, however, primary focus will be the highways and mass influx of people to our area
 - Will respond if needed but limited and potential long wait times

Expectations

- Officers will be working
 - Traffic enforcement Including crashes
 - Call response
 - Parking violations
 - o Illegal fireworks
 - Disorderly Conduct
 - Noise complaints
 - o DUII's
- Expect a very long weekend
 - o Excessively large amount of people
 - o Activities potentially beginning Thursday evening
 - Lasting into Sunday evening
 - Lots of traffic congestion into early morning hours on 4th of July