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#### *July Fourth Holiday Message from Chief Zimmerman*

As we approach Independence Day, I want to take a moment to reflect on the meaning of this holiday. On July 4<sup>th</sup>, we as a nation celebrate one of our greatest historical documents: The Declaration of Independence. This is not just a piece of paper; it represents the birth of our great nation, of liberty, of freedom, and democracy. On this date, we celebrate our liberty and honor those who have sacrificed for our freedom. Because of the significance of this holiday, we all must have a heightened sense of awareness.

During this weekend, we expect millions of people to enjoy our beautiful beaches and bays, the numerous firework displays, as well as many other attractions throughout our City and County. The San Diego Police Department will be deploying additional resources and is well prepared. You can expect to see our officers in your communities helping to ensure everyone can celebrate safely. Our police department is working closely with our federal, state, and local law enforcement partners throughout our entire region.

The safety of our communities extends beyond law enforcement; public safety is a shared responsibility. It takes a collaborative effort between our community and the police working together. This is especially true during holiday celebrations. We ask you to be our eyes and ears and if something seems suspicious this is the time we need to hear from you. Therefore, we are encouraging everyone, while you are celebrating, to remain vigilant and report anything “out of the ordinary” to police.

We also want to remind everyone we will be conducting maximum DUI enforcement operations. This will include saturation patrols and DUI checkpoints. And remember we are in drought conditions and fire hazards are high, therefore anyone with illegal fireworks will be cited.

Let all of us work together to make sure everyone has a safe and enjoyable Fourth of July holiday weekend.

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