



## SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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**SUBJECT: SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT 2021 FIREWORKS INTERDICTION OPERATION**

As we approach Independence Day 2021, San Bernardino County Fire Protection District will once again conduct fireworks interdiction operations in the North Desert. The location will be at State-line, at the California Agricultural Inspection Station in Nipton, CA. The operation will occur weekends, dates are attached, starting May 15<sup>th</sup> through June 27<sup>th</sup>, excluding June 20<sup>th</sup>, which is Father's Day.

County Fire investigators and inspectors are posted in traffic lanes with state agricultural inspectors. If an agricultural inspector observes illegal fireworks in a vehicle while inspecting for fruit, firewood, etc., they notify us, we confiscate the fireworks and issue an administrative citation. Past years have netted large amounts of dangerous fireworks that would have been distributed throughout California.

As detailed on the operations schedule, staff will arrive each Saturday at 1330 hours for a briefing. Operations will begin at 1400 hours, and completed at approximately 2200 hours, depending on the volume of fireworks collected and time allotted for clean-up. Following the interdiction each night, lodging will be at a local hotel in Nevada. Outside jurisdictions are asked to secure lodging for their staff, as well as any overtime costs.

Please email names and dates of staff available to support this operation to Assistant Fire Marshal Brian Headley at [bheadley@sbcfire.org](mailto:bheadley@sbcfire.org). We understand and do not expect for everyone to be available each weekend.

As always, the help provided by our local cooperator departments is appreciated as we make every effort to slow the flow of illegal fireworks into San Bernardino County and Southern California.

Yours in Service,

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