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## CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE

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### **CELEBRATE INDEPENDENCE DAY IN SAN CLEMENTE** ***City hosts fireworks show at the San Clemente Pier***

June 26, 2017...San Clemente, CA.... On **Tuesday, July 4, 2017** the City of San Clemente will host an Independence Day celebration for the community. At **9:00 p.m.** the City continues its annual tradition and will present a spectacular fireworks display from the Municipal Pier. The end of the pier, opposite the entrance, will close at noon on Monday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> for preliminary preparation and the entire pier will close on Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. and remain closed for the entire day. The Fisherman's Restaurant will be accessible to its patrons.

A flyover by the Condor Squadron, consisting of four AT-6 aircraft World War II trainers will take place along the participating coastal cities of Huntington Beach, Newport Beach, Laguna Beach, Dana Point and San Clemente. The flyover will begin in Huntington Beach and conclude in San Clemente where it will flyover the coast and conduct a 360 in the air. The full flyover schedule is as follows:

- Huntington Beach - 6:05 to 6:10 p.m.
- Newport Beach - 6:10 to 6:15 p.m.
- Laguna Beach - 6:15 to 6:20 p.m.
- Dana Point - 6:20 to 6:25 p.m.
- San Clemente - 6:25 to 6:30 p.m.

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Members of the public are reminded to not camp out the evening before the Fourth of July. The San Clemente Municipal Code (SCMC) prohibits overnight camping in parks and on the beach, and being on the beach between the hours of midnight and 4:00 a.m. Those in violation of the ordinance can be cited while unattended property left on the beach is not the responsibility of the City.

Additionally, beach users are reminded that the consumption of alcohol is prohibited on all City beaches. Members of the public are also reminded that SCMC states that no person shall takeoff, land, or operate an unmanned aircraft or drone over any City-permitted events open to the public, unless granted written or electronic permission by the City. Also, please be advised that dogs are not permitted on the coastal trail on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

All ocean access, including swimming, surfing, and wading, will be closed 1,000 feet in both directions from the pier from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. The purpose is to protect people from the dangers of fireworks fallout. The show risks delays or cancellation if the public does not comply with the closure.

To assist with downtown parking, the San Clemente Trolley will be in service from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Please be advised that beginning at 6:00 p.m. the Trolley route will be adjusted to accommodate street closures in the Pier Bowl and downtown area. The closure will impact stops 1, 3, 4, 14, 15, & 16. Trolley riders looking to utilize the service after the fireworks show can access the trolley at Stop 2, located across the street from the Community Center on the corner of Avenida Del Mar and Calle Seville. Check for any changes to the hours of operation by visiting [www.san-clemente.org/trolley](http://www.san-clemente.org/trolley).

For pedestrian safety and to avoid major traffic problems, San Clemente Police Services will be restricting vehicular traffic between approximately 7:00 and 10:00 p.m. in the entire lower Pier Bowl area adjacent to the pier. Pedestrians should take caution, especially with the increased crowds, to stay clear of the train tracks. The municipal beach and pier will be closed to the public after the fireworks display until the morning of Wednesday, July 5<sup>th</sup>.

Following the fireworks show, San Clemente Police Services will conduct traffic control and assist people in exiting the Pier Bowl, diverting them in a systematic fashion to freeways and surface streets. There will be three designated routes out of the Pier Bowl, including:

- 1) Palizada and directed to the freeway at Palizada or north onto El Camino Real (two lanes will be open on El Camino Real).
- 2) Del Mar and diverted onto Presidio.
- 3) Victoria and diverted southbound onto the freeway at Valencia and Calafia.

Although intersections/streets will not be closed, please expect all Pier Bowl streets to be impacted by the exit route, including the following:

- East Palizada/Seville
- East Seville/Del Mar
- East Palizada/Puente
- East Ola Vista/Palizada
- Del Mar/Ola Vista
- East Victoria/Ola Vista
- El Camino Real/Palizada
- Palizada/Estrella
- Del Mar/El Camino Real
- Victoria/El Camino Real
- El Camino Real/Presidio

When leaving the beach, people are asked to take their trash with them. Any trash and litter remaining on the beach will end up polluting the ocean. Roping or blocking-off portions of the beach for private use is not permitted. Also, the City of San Clemente has ordinances prohibiting any fireworks, including Safe & Sane fireworks within the City limits, and ordinances prohibiting the consumption of alcoholic beverages on the beach and pier. San Clemente Police Services will strictly enforce these ordinances.

(See attached SC Trolley detour route for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday)

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