



## MONROE CITY COUNCIL

### Agenda Bill No. 19-156

<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>2019 Fireworks Related Calls for Service</b>
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<b>DATE:</b>	<b>DEPT:</b>	<b>CONTACT:</b>	<b>PRESENTER:</b>	<b>ITEM:</b>
07/23/2019	Police	Jeff Jolley	Jeff Jolley	<b>New Business #1</b>

**Discussion:** 07/23/2019

**Attachments:**

1. 2019 Calls for Police Service Data
2. 2019 Fireworks Per Police Area graph
3. SCFD7 Memo re Fireworks

**REQUESTED ACTION:** Review 2019 Fireworks Related Calls for Service.

#### DESCRIPTION/BACKGROUND

In 2016, Council reviewed information regarding Monroe's regulations related to fireworks – Monroe Municipal Code 9.26; and passed Ordinance No. 006/2016, amending the restrictions on times for sale and discharge of fireworks. These changes were effective June 14, 2017.

Following the effective date of these new regulations -- for the time period of July 1, through July 7, 2017, there was a thirty-eight percent decrease in fireworks related calls within the City of Monroe (approximately eight calls for Police Department service).

On September 12, 2017, Council reviewed the 2017 call data. Upon discussion, Council consensus was to increase public education on fireworks safety and enforcement in 2018 and review related calls for service in July 2018.

On July 10, 2018, Council reviewed the 2018 call data; and requested this item be scheduled for further discussion, to include: a review of previous agenda bills and three to five years' worth of fireworks related calls for service data from the Police Department and Fire District before and after calls for service data from local agencies with a fireworks ban adopted; and information on non-profit fireworks sales in the City of Monroe.

#### 2019 FIREWORKS REPORT

The Calls for Police Service data table has been updated with 2019 data (Attachment 1). The Monroe Police Department received fifteen calls referencing fireworks on July 4, and July 5, 2019. Two of those calls were an assist to the fire department with a vacant house fire on White Mountain Road Southeast and a fireworks related injury to a six-year-old female. In total, for the first seven days of July 2019, the department receive twenty-one calls; which is less than 2018 with twenty-six calls. When comparing the Monroe Police Department to the rest of Snohomish County in the Fireworks per police area graph (Attachment 2), fireworks police calls for service in the City of Monroe were two percent of the total calls.

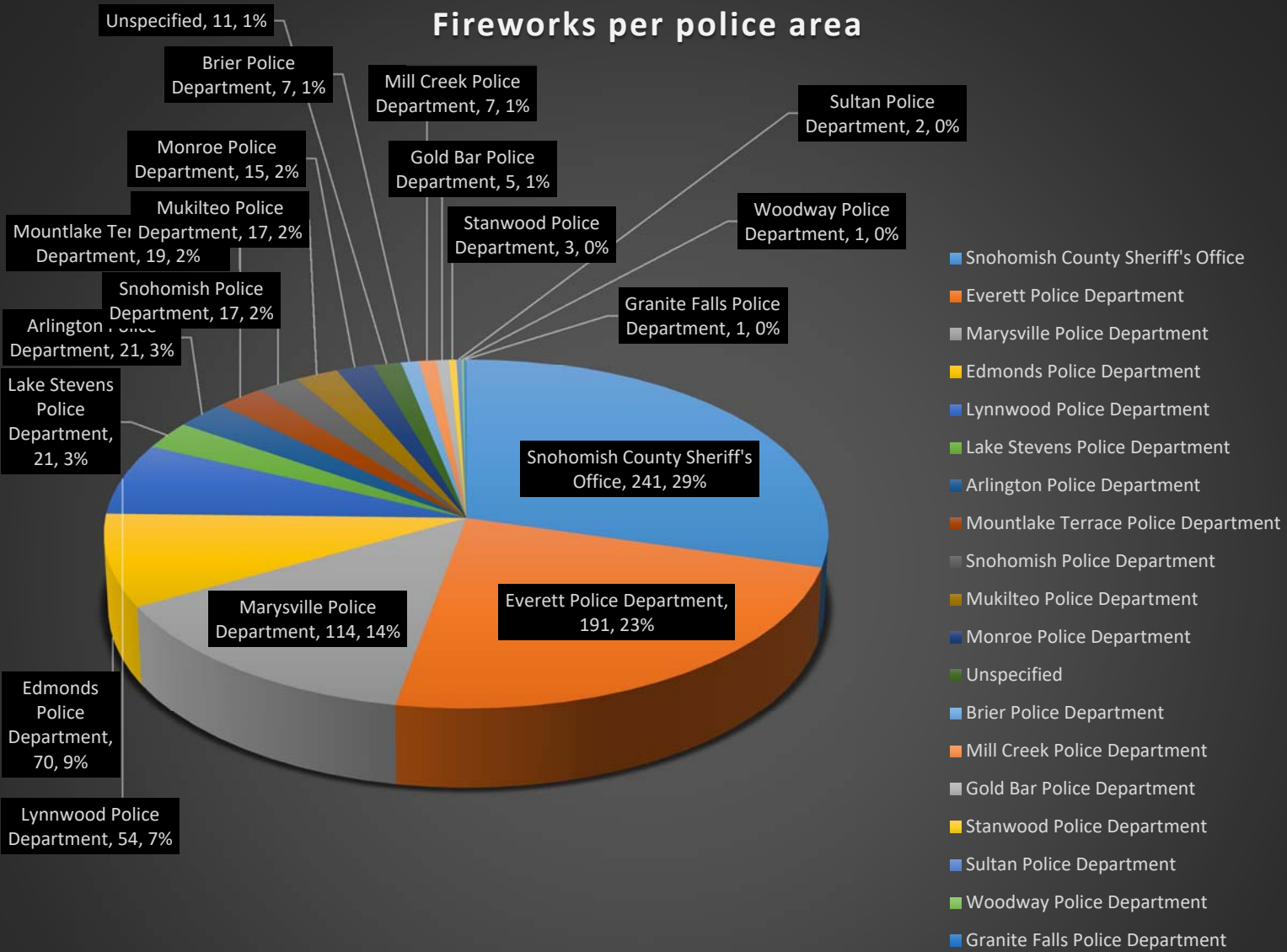
## FIREWORKS CALLS FOR POLICE SERVICE DATA

Jurisdiction	Fireworks Ban	Year Ban in Effect	2016		2017		2018		2019	
			4th	5th	4th	5th	4th	5th	4th	5th
Snohomish County	No		222	79	209	125	199	79	235	95
Arlington	No		18	5	18	4	18	5	21	8
Edmonds	Yes	1995	70	2	73	7	74	8	70	12
Everett	Yes	2015	204	29	200	54	142	31	70	32
Lynnwood	Yes	2013	59	5	66	6	35	5	50	6
Marysville	Yes	2018	67	15	223	31	157	16	116	19
Mountlake Terrace	Yes	2006	30	4	19	5	14	5	20	1
Snohomish	No		6		11	8	12		17	0
Brier	Yes	2016	15		15	1	15	1	9	1
Gold Bar	Yes	2015	1		3		1			3
Granite Falls	No		4		2		1	1	4	1
Monroe	No		9	4	7	1	11	2	13	2
Mukilteo	Yes	1993	23	2	26	8	17	2	18	
Stanwood	No		3	3	4	1	3		3	4
Sultan	No		3		2	2	4	3	6	5
Woodway	Yes	1995	2						1	
Lake Stevens	No		24	12	26	6	17	9	21	6
Mill Creek	Yes	1992	6	2	16	2	16		7	2
Grand Total			766	162	920	261	736	167	681	197

## Monroe Police Department Fireworks Calls

	1-Jul	2-Jul	3-Jul	4-Jul	5-Jul	6-Jul	7-Jul	Total
<b>2016</b>	2	0	2	9	4	2	0	19
<b>2017</b>	1	0	5	7	1	0	0	14
<b>2018</b>	5	3	5	11	2	0	0	26
<b>2019</b>	0	0	4	13	2	1	1	21

### Fireworks per police area



Lake Stevens Fire  
1825 South Lake Stevens Road  
Lake Stevens, WA 98258  
(425) 334-3034  
www.LSfire.org



Snohomish County Fire District 7  
163 Village Court  
Monroe, WA 98272  
(360) 794-7666  
www.Snofire7.org

## MEMO

To: Interested Parties  
From: Deputy Chief Fitzgerald  
Re: Independence Day Fireworks Sales and Discharge within Fire District 7

Date: June 25, 2019

Snohomish County Fire District 7 encourages community members to attend a public display fireworks show. State Fireworks Laws are found in RCW 70.77 and WAC 212.17. Local ordinances are summarized below.

### City of Lake Stevens (LSMC 9.64)

Fireworks sales period:  
June 28 Noon – 11pm  
June 29 – July 4 9am – 11pm  
July 5 9am – 9pm

Fireworks discharge:  
**July 4 ONLY: 9am to Midnight**

### City of Mill Creek (MCMC 5.12)

Fireworks sales period:  
No fireworks sales anytime.

Fireworks discharge:  
**No fireworks discharge anytime**

### City of Monroe (MMC 9.26)

Fireworks sales period:  
July 1 – July 4 9am – 11pm

Fireworks discharge:  
**July 4 ONLY: 9am to Midnight**

### Unincorporated Snohomish County (SCC 30.53A.722)

Fireworks sales period:  
June 28 Noon – 11pm  
June 29 – July 4 9am – 11pm  
July 5 9am – Noon

Fireworks discharge:  
**July 4 ONLY: 9am to Midnight**

*Fireworks-related fires and fireworks-related injuries* must be documented by firefighters in Fire Records. Fire Officers: the proper NFIRS incident type for fireworks incidents is 243 Fireworks explosion (no fire) or the proper fire incident type.

Fireworks which are not legal fireworks must be considered ***illegal explosive devices***. Our message to the public is to call 911 if any of these explosive devices are found. Use discretion when responding to these incidents, but treat these devices as though they are bombs until proven otherwise. Also remember, there no longer is any such thing as “safe and sane.” Only legal (Consumer Class C) fireworks may be discharged (see below).

The *seizure* (confiscation) of fireworks is provided for in RCW 70.77.435. This limits the confiscation of fireworks to law enforcement agencies. Law enforcement officers are encouraged to seize illegal fireworks in accordance with local procedures, or call the bomb squad for proper disposal. Historically, most fireworks-related injuries and fireworks-related fires are the result of illegal fireworks.

Penalties

Reckless discharge: gross misdemeanor (RCW 70.77.488)

Unlawful possession <1 lb.: misdemeanor (RCW 70.77.485(1))

Unlawful possession >1 lb.: gross misdemeanor (RCW 70.77.485(2))

Sales to persons under age sixteen: gross misdemeanor (RCW 70.77.515)