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Subject: Re: Follow-up questions

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Good afternoon [REDACTED],
My responses to your follow up questions are in blue, below. I hope that is helpful.
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As a result of our investigation into responses to public complaints about fireworks, we have these additional questions. We'd appreciate your answers to the following:

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- Please provide the number of fireworks complaints received from the public, by month, for each of the years 2023, 2024, and 2025, broken down by:
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 - I am able to provide you with a month to month accounting of fireworks calls for service by month for 2023, 2024, and 2025 (see charts, below)
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 - 911 calls: We discourage the public from calling in fireworks through 9-1-1 unless there is a fire, injury, or emergency. Given that, with respect to fireworks, we have only been tracking the number of 9-1-1 calls received on July 4, as well as the number of calls for service on July 4:
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Description	2023	2024	2025
9-1-1 calls to PD 7/4	420	341	335
All calls for service 7/4	692	778	653

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- To provide some context, the average number of daily calls for service in 2023 was about 327. This shows that on July 4 that the service call volume was over 2x the average.
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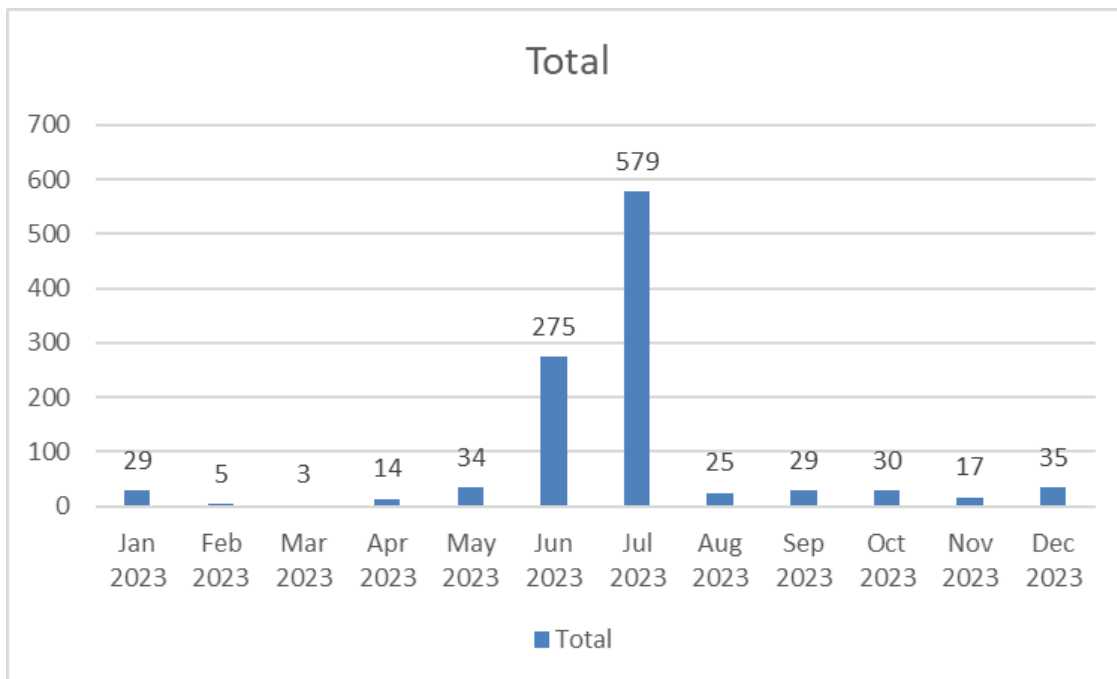
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- Calls to the police/sheriff station:
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 - All of the statistics in this report are based upon calls to the Oxnard Police Department.
 - The department has an Emergency Communications Center (dispatch) where calls are received, prioritized, and processed. The Emergency Communications Center is a designated public safety answering point. If the call is determined to be fire department related,
 - the call is then routed to the County's dispatch center.
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 - Information for Oxnard PD calls is recorded in the department's Computer Assisted Dispatch (CAD) system.
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- Notification via email, hotline, social media, and word of mouth
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 - We combined the Email and hotline reports between May 28 and July 4:
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 - 2023: Between May 28 and July 4, the fireworks hotline and email account received 260 tips on illegal fireworks.
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 - 2024: 204
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 - 2025:
 - 228
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 - Social media: not tracked
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 - Word of Mouth: not tracked
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- **2023**
- **Fireworks calls, reported by month:**

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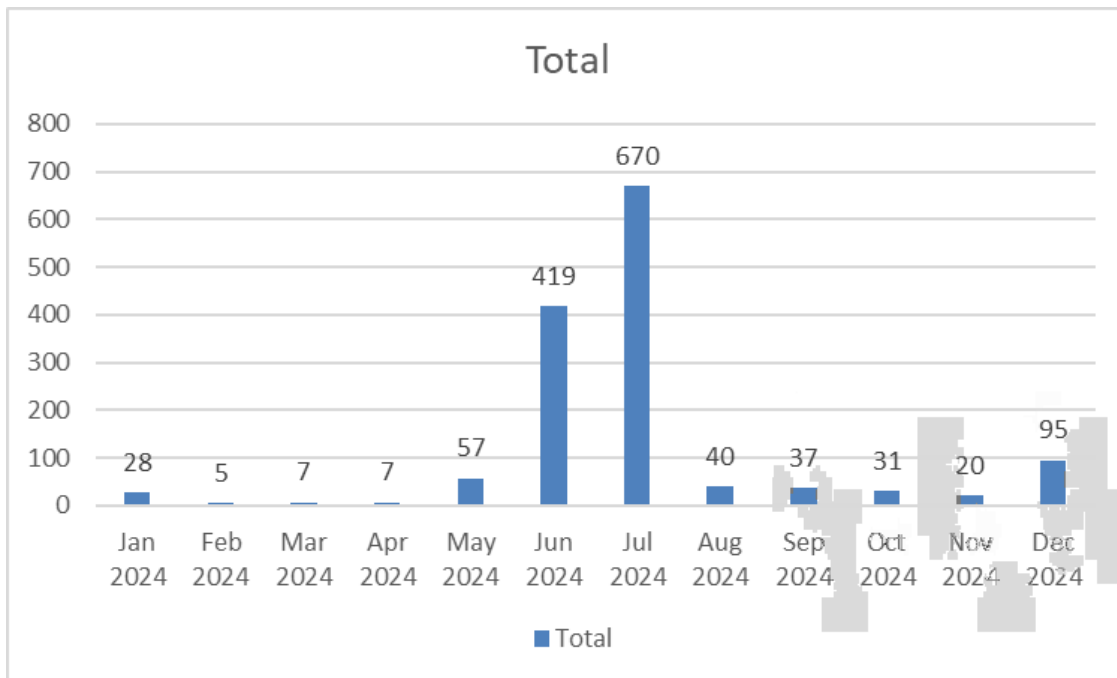
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- **2024**

- **Fireworks calls, reported by month:**

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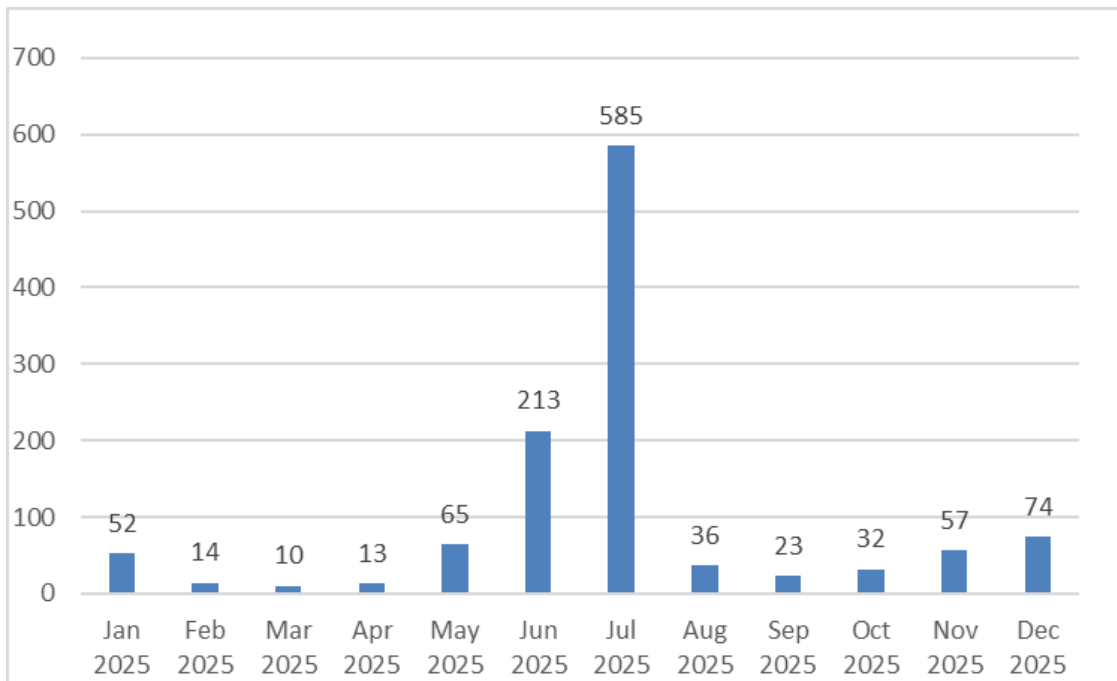
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- **2025**

- **Fireworks calls, reported by month:**

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- For 2024 and for 2025 what % of fireworks complaints from the public gave a specific address of the offense?
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 - Preface: We do not specifically track if an address is reported, so that stat is not easily obtainable absent a review of every individual call. Here's more context:
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 - Calls for service are assigned a priority. "+ Emergency is the highest, followed by priorities 1 through 7. Our prioritization system assigns a priority based upon the information that is provided by the caller(s). If an address is provided, OR some other significant information (vehicle description, name of person, or a location identifier such as "North side of Lemonwood Park")
 - fireworks
 - calls
 - are
 - assigned a default "Priority 3" rating. If there is additional information, such as a fire being started, known injuries, or other circumstances that lend toward it being an emergency, a higher priority is assigned. If the information is general, such
 - as "fireworks heard in the Lemonwood neighborhood" they are assigned as Priority 7. The priority 7 calls are typically broadcast to the officers ("reports of fireworks heard in the Lemonwood neighborhood 20 ago"), but a police unit may not necessarily be assigned due to the lack of information.
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 - 2024 calendar year: 1,288 reports of fireworks. The vast majority, 819, were priority 7. There were 457 calls that were priority 3 or higher (440 P3, 11 P2, and 6 P1). This means that 35.4% of the reported fireworks calls in 2024 had some type of describing information.
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- 2025 calendar year: 1,042 reports of fireworks. 670 P7, 256 were P3 or higher (244 P3, 9 P2, 3 P1). This means that 24.5% of the calls had some type of describing information.
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- How many fireworks incidents, by month, did your officers on-view on their patrols that weren't called in by the public (for each of the years 2023, 2024, and 2025)?
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- These would be recorded as Priority 6 calls, and this meant that the officer took action based on an observation, and this was reported to and captured by dispatch. Essentially, these are situations in which the officer encountered them by chance during their patrol.
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- 2023: 5
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- 2024: 0
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- 2025:9
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It is important to point out that these numbers cannot be viewed as a reliable indicator, since there are very likely numerous additional occasions in which the officer observed fireworks from a distance, or did not check out on it with dispatch.

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- How many
- **civil citations**
- were issued for fireworks violations, and what was the total dollar amount, for each of the years 2023, 2024, and 2025?
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- 2023 59 (\$ 41,500)
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- 2024 50 (\$ 35,000)
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- 2025 59 (\$ 47,000)
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- What was the total revenue

- **collected**

- from civil citations for each of the years 2023, 2024, and 2025?

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- 2023 (\$ 8,100)

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- 2024 (\$ 12,025)

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- 2025 (\$ 12,175)

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- How many civil citations were dismissed or reduced through appeal for each of the years

- 2023, 2024, and 2025?

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- 2023 (9)

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- 2024 (7)

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- 2025 (5)

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- If there were reductions, what was the total dollar amount of the

- **reduction**

- in fines collected for each year 2023, 2024, and 2025?

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- 2023 (\$ 1393.75)

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- 2025 (\$ 2587.50)

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- To your department's knowledge, how many civilian injuries were incurred from the use

- or storage of fireworks for the years 2023, 2024, and 2025?

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- 2023: 3 known
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- 2024: 1 known
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- 2025: 0 known
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- The injury is based upon information reported by the Fire Department. There are likely additional unreported injuries.
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- If your city has a Social Host Ordinance that applies to fireworks, what is the date it was adopted and what are the initial and subsequent fines?
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- The term
- “Social Host Ordinance” is actually a misnomer for this - this was the term used to enforce versus persons who served alcohol at events such as house parties. **“Host liability ordinance”** is the preferred term.
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- The fireworks host liability ordinance was adopted in 2018 and is codified as section 7-147.1 of the Oxnard City Code. 7-147.1(B)(2) speaks specifically to host liability: *“Except as authorized by the fire chief in accordance with the currently adopted California Fire Code, no property owner or tenant shall allow or permit the sale, offer to sell, use, or possession of fireworks on their property when the property owner or tenant knows or should know of the sale, offer to sell, use, or possession of fireworks at the property.”*
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- *The entire section can be found at:*
- https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/oxnard/latest/oxnard_ca/0-0-0-68371
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- *The item was adopted by the Oxnard City Council at their April 10, 2018 regular meeting.*
- *It was in effect 30 days later, on May 10, 2018.*
- *Here is the info/consent agenda item: chrome-extension://efaidnbnmnibpcjpcglclefindmkaj/https://oxnard.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=44&clip_id=3915&meta_id=178293*
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• What clearances and licenses (FAA or otherwise) are required for you to fly drones?

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- To operate a UAS for a government agency, pilots are required to be FAA Part 107 certified, or if the department has
- a signed FAA Certificate of Waiver or Authorization (COA), the department can self-certify its drone pilots. Although the Oxnard Police Department has a signed FAA COA, we still require that all pilots be FAA Part 107 Certified.
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• How many drones does your department own currently?

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- The Oxnard Police Department currently owns 12 drones.

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- How many have GPS capability?
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- How many have cameras/video capability?

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- How many have both GPS and cameras/video capability?

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• How many drones do you anticipate owning within the next year?

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- We anticipate possibly purchasing three aircraft, taking our total to as many as 15. That number may be affected by

- aircraft being decommissioned over the next year as they reach the end of their service life.
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- What was the total revenue **collected** from civil citations for each of the years 2023, 2024, and 2025?
- How many civil citations were dismissed or reduced through appeal for each of the years 2023, 2024, and 2025?
 - If there were reductions, what was the total dollar amount of the **reduction** in fines collected for each year 2023, 2024, and 2025?
- To your department's knowledge, how many civilian injuries were incurred from the use or storage of fireworks for the years 2023, 2024, and 2025?
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- What clearances and licenses (FAA or otherwise) are required for you to fly drones?
- How many drones does your department own currently?
 - How many have GPS capability?
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 - How many have both GPS and cameras/video capability?
- How many drones do you anticipate owning within the next year?

If it's reasonable, we'd like to ask for responses to the questions within the next two weeks. In advance, thank you for your support and cooperation. We appreciate it. As a friendly reminder, the confidentiality agreement we signed at our initial in-person meeting is still in effect.

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Ventura County Civil Grand Jury