

Dear LAFD Commission:

I have chosen to stop by here, as opposed to LAPD re: Illegal Fireworks, because Fire people seem to care more about the issue than the gun toters.

L.A. County Fire Arson investigators are the best Law Enforcement agency against illegal fireworks in Southern California; maybe the state!

Why not us at LAFD? LAFD Arson?

Why not get a task force together?

The City Attorney has done so in the past, but I have not seen major poundage in confiscations from that office.

While the L.A. Times reported a 700 pound seizure one day from Feuer's operation, L.A. COUNTY FIRE TASK FORCE HIT A WAREHOUSE IN HUNTINGTON PARK LAST JUNE. **ONE DAY: 210,000 POUNDS SEIZED.**

We can END ILLEGAL FIREWORKS in this city.

It's a matter of making a Decision! Budgeting! Passion and skill for this type of law enforcement can be taught and learned—call L.A. County Fire!

Dep. Chief John Todd: 323-881-2461

Dep. Chief Phil Cocker: 323-247-8825

SME Greg Dahlmeier: 626-287-7450

We need better legislation, as well. While "illicit substances" and those who get caught in that illegal trade get slapped with ASSET FORFEITURE, Illegal Firework Sellers/Manufacturers make a ton of money, with little consequences for being caught.

State Reps need to act, but in the meantime—take a stance against Illegal Fireworks the LAPD is not willing to make, and let the Mayor know we need more of a safety budget to quell the Insanity of June, July and August nights in Los Angeles!!!!!!

—*Bill Watkins*

323-333-6005

www.travelingpoet.net