

CA Illegal Firework Worksheet, 7- 28-2015:

***New Laws/Budget Proposals that Could Help to Stamp Out
Illegal Fireworks in CA:***

“What Does Putting the foot down on Illegal Fireworks Look Like?”

Notes from Week of 7-27-15

**We need to Increase Punishment of Illegal Firework Sellers to Include*

***Asset Forfeiture**, as covered in HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE*

SECTION 11469-11495 – <http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/cgi-bin/displaycode?section=hsc&group=11001-12000&file=11469-11495>

Assets seized by law enforcement would be recycled into Firework Task Force funding toward operations.

Funding needed for:

Personnel, Overtime Hours, Firework Disposal, Training, Experience, Transportation

**Safe and Sane Fireworks Not Cited by L.A. SME (Subject Matter Expert), Greg Dahlmeier, to be a Problem.*

However, as he and others educate police and other agencies about illegal versus legal fireworks, I do believe a study of states like Massachusetts—which has banned all consumer fireworks—should be made.

Gardena P.D. has organized a meeting around the topic of fireworks leading up to, and around the fourth. Their being a city that allows “safe and sane” fireworks has confused officers at times.

Could this be true with other agencies?

Do Safe and Sane fireworks, the presence of those selling outlets—lead buyers to higher level fireworks?

I still have questions about Safe and Sane—even though the SME does not, and feels they are not a problem.

New Jersey and Delaware are other states with consumer ban on all fireworks.

My questions range, but one is:

Does allowing *some* fireworks in, lend to bigger ones being justified by low-level criminals?

What *POPS*, or loud sounds are legal? I don’t know, and I think lots of us (including law enforcement) do not know, as lines are blurry...



**Funding for Education in Public Schools Needed*

Law education, Civics, Firework laws, Safety/Fire Safety...

All those kids forced to go to school, and no law/civics education is a travesty. CA Department of Education needs to be Tasked to help with Firework and other law problems.

No H.S. diploma should be given out unless a citizenship test is passed. Student needs to Demonstrate respect and adherence to the Laws of CA, federal, and local codes.

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(LAPD Hollenbeck area. LAPD with few resources tasked to fireworks; no 365-day commitment to put talented detectives onto solving fireworks problem that I know of at present.

L.A. Fire Department Arson Investigators must follow the lead of their friends at L.A. County Fire, and help stamp out the firework problem, get into law enforcement here)

