



Police Department

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Fireworks Task Force  
c/o Alderman Joe Davis, Sr., Co-Chair  
200 East Wells Street – Room 205  
Milwaukee, WI 53202

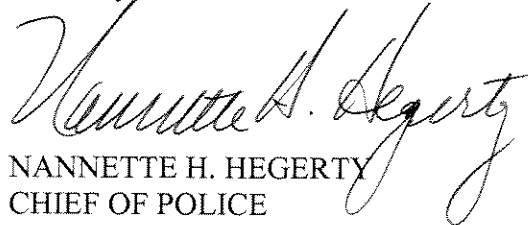
Dear Aldermen Davis, Witkowski and Task Force Members:

Fireworks, along with the potential damage and harm they cause, can be disruptive and present safety concerns for communities. Per Milwaukee City Ordinance 105-47, no person may sell, expose or offer for sale, use, keep or discharge, or explode in this city any type of firework device. Therefore, it is the policy of the Milwaukee Police Department to enforce this ordinance whenever possible and confiscate any and all firework products the Milwaukee Police Department may come in contact with.

Realizing that the height of the firework season is at a time when calls for service are in great demand, the Milwaukee Police Department will do all it can to address fireworks complaints for the safety of all citizens. Furthermore, as we approach the summer season, the department will again do a media campaign to inform citizens of the violations surrounding fireworks and the consequences of being caught in violation of the ordinance, as well as, informing citizens of the potential hazard and harm fireworks present.

I appreciate your efforts to heighten community awareness regarding the dangers and disruptions associated with fireworks and their negative impact on public safety and peaceful neighborhoods.

Sincerely,



NANNETTE H. HEGERTY  
CHIEF OF POLICE

c: Alderman Terry Witkowski, Co-Chair  
Public Relations Manager Anne E. Schwartz