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### **San Clemente to Celebrate Independence Day 2019 with a Fireworks Show at the San Clemente Pier**

July 1, 2019....San Clemente, California... On Thursday, July 4, 2019, the City of San Clemente will host its annual Independence Day celebration for the community. The spectacular fireworks display will start at 9 p.m. from the Municipal Pier. In anticipation of the event, the end of the pier, opposite the entrance, will close at noon on Wednesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Starting on Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m., the entire pier will be closed and remain closed for the day with the exception of The Fisherman's Restaurant, which will remain accessible to its patrons.

A flyover by the Condor Squadron, consisting of four AT-6 aircraft World War II trainers will take place along participating coastal cities. The flyover will begin in Huntington Beach and conclude in San Clemente where it will fly over the coast and conduct a 360 in the air. The full flyover schedule is as follows:

- Huntington Beach 5:25 to 5:30 p.m.
- Newport Beach 5:35 to 5:40 p.m.
- Laguna Beach 5:45 to 5:50 p.m.

- Dana Point 5:50 to 5:55 p.m.
- San Clemente 5:55 to 6:00 p.m.

To help facilitate a safe and memorable July 4th celebration, the City would like to remind visitors and residents of policies and regulations regarding the use of public space during this exciting holiday event. Members of the public are reminded that overnight camping on the beach or at Parque Del Mar is prohibited. The San Clemente Municipal Code (SCMC) prohibits overnight camping in parks and on the beach; accessing the beach between the hours of midnight and 4:00 a.m. is also prohibited. Those in violation of the ordinance can be cited and may be asked to remove all belongings. Roping or blocking-off portions of the beach for private use is not permitted. Unattended property left on the beach is not the responsibility of the City.

Beach users are reminded that smoking and the consumption of alcohol is prohibited on all City beaches and park sites. Members of the public are also reminded that SCMC states that no person shall take off, land, or operate an unmanned aircraft or “drone” over any City-permitted events open to the public unless granted written or electronic permission by the City. Also, please be advised that dogs are not permitted on the coastal beach trail on July 4th. Those in violation of this ordinance may be subject to citation.

All ocean access, including swimming, surfing, and wading, will be closed 1,000 feet in both directions from the pier from 8:00 p.m. to 10 p.m. The purpose of the closure is to ensure the safety of all celebration attendees. The show risks delays or cancellation if the public does not comply with the closure.

To assist with downtown parking, the San Clemente Trolley will be in service from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. The regular trolley route will be available from 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Please be advised that beginning at 6:00 p.m. the Trolley route will be adjusted to accommodate street closures in the Pier Bowl and downtown area. The closure will impact stops 1, 3, 4, 14, 15, & 16. Trolley riders looking to utilize the service after the fireworks show can access the trolley at Stop 2, located at the Community Center on the corner of Avenida Del Mar and Calle Seville. Check for any changes to the hours of operation by visiting [www.san-clemente.org/trolley](http://www.san-clemente.org/trolley).

For pedestrian safety and to avoid major traffic problems, San Clemente Police Services will be restricting vehicular traffic between approximately 7:00 and 10:00 p.m. in the entire lower Pier Bowl area adjacent to the pier. Pedestrians should take caution, especially with the increased crowds, to stay clear of the train tracks. The municipal beach and pier will be closed to the public after the fireworks display until the morning of Thursday, July 5th.

Following the fireworks show, San Clemente Police Services will conduct traffic control and assist people in exiting the Pier Bowl, diverting them in a systematic fashion to freeways and surface streets. There will be three designated routes out of the Pier Bowl, including:

- **Palizada** - directed to the 5 freeway at Palizada or north onto El Camino Real (two lanes will be open on El Camino Real).
- **Del Mar** - diverted onto Presidio.
- **Victoria** - diverted southbound onto the 5 freeway at Valencia and Calafia.

Although intersections/streets will not be closed, please expect all Pier Bowl streets to be impacted by the exit route, including the following:

- East Palizada/Seville
- East Seville/Del Mar
- East Palizada/Puente
- East Ola Vista/Palizada
- Del Mar/Ola Vista
- East Victoria/Ola Vista
- El Camino Real/Palizada
- Palizada/Estrella
- Del Mar/El Camino Real
- Victoria/El Camino Real
- El Camino Real/Presidio

When leaving the beach, people are asked to take their trash with them. Any trash and litter remaining on the beach will end up polluting the ocean. Also, the SCMC prohibits fireworks, including Safe & Sane fireworks within City limits, and the consumption of alcoholic beverages on the beach and pier. San Clemente Police Services will strictly enforce these ordinances.

Additionally, please be advised that all City facilities will be closed in observance of the July 4th holiday. This closure includes City Hall, the Community Center, the Ole Hanson Beach Club, and the San Clemente Aquatics Center.

For questions regarding the July 4th Celebration, please contact the Beaches, Parks and Recreation Department at (949) 361-8264.

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