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Ms. Love:

On July 4, 2024, around 2315 hours, a truck and trailer were discovered in a residential neighborhood in the unincorporated area of Chino. The location of the truck and trailer was Sonoma Court and Kern Road. As you are aware, the sale of fireworks allowed by the City of Chino Municipal code shall cease at 9:00 p.m. on July 4th. The respective booth operators can keep the unsold stock of product in the booth or transport it to their respective residence, until the following day when they are to return it to TNT, located in Rialto.

As required by the City of Chino Municipal code, Section 8.12.110, "*Each stand must have an adult in attendance to sell and serve as watchman while fireworks are stored therein.*"

Fire Inspector Lin and San Bernardino County Sherriff's Deputy Nosek were dispatched to a house on Sonoma Court, it was during this response that the truck and trailer were noted to be unattended. Due to the police activity that began to occur, the owner of the truck and trailer proceeded to head over to their vehicle, waving down Fire Inspector Lin. Fire Inspector Lin inquired about the fireworks, and it was determined that the fireworks were the unsold product from the Praise Chapel booth.

California Code of Regulations Title 19, Chapter 6, Article 13, Section 991.1, states, "*retail licensee may store unsold stock in a place and manner approved by the fire authority having jurisdiction until stock is returned to the wholesaler.*" The manner in which the unsold product was openly exposed in an area of the Fire District, where no fireworks, including safe and sane are allowed, is not an approved manner. The unattended storage on a public street, in an area where illegal fireworks were being utilized was unsafe.

Attached herein, is an e-mail statement from San Bernardino County Sherriff's Deputy Nosek.

Should you have any questions, I can be reached at (909) 315-8825 or via e-mail at dotoole@chofire.org.

Respectfully,

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Danielle O'Toole

From: Lena Lin
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To: Nosek, Mateusz
Cc: Danielle O'Toole
Subject: Re: July 4th

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Good morning,

On July 4, 2024, CVFD Deputy Fire Investigator Lena Lin and I were assigned as a team to conduct firework enforcement in the city of Chino Hills and the city of Chino.

On July 4, 2024, at approximately 2315 hours, while driving westbound on Kern Road, toward Sonoma Court, I observed a male resident igniting fireworks in front of the [REDACTED] Sonoma Court residence. While speaking with the male resident reference the incident, Lin located a parked pick-up truck with an attached trailer bearing California license plate [REDACTED]. The trailer was loaded with packaged fireworks. While speaking to numerous subjects near the pick-up truck, Lin obtained information that the fireworks were owned by Praise Chapel Chino Valley located at 14562 Central Avenue in the city of Chino, CA.

Thank you,



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