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Town of Chino Valley July 4th Event

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CHINO VALLEY, AZ- Citizen concerns over the planned July 4th Fireworks Display are a top priority to Town leadership, who are in continuous consultation with local fire and emergency services representatives.

The following is an excerpt of an email from Chief Scott Freitag of Central Arizona Fire and Medical (CAFMA):

“(Town Manager) Cecilia Grittman and I have a great relationship and spoke recently. We discussed the concerns in detail and created a workable plan. The Town will adjust closer to the event should the wind become an issue, or if our crews are not available to provide additional protection due to call volume. That said, they are using a field without a lot of fuels and will also perform additional mitigation efforts in advance.”

This workable plan includes, among other steps, emergency personnel on hand and at the ready, clearing of the fields and staging areas involved, and water trucks on hand to prep the area for both fire concerns and dust mitigation.

Freitag went on to explain his concerns over fireworks displays in general as well as the fact that they are illegal to use but not illegal to buy & sell through local retailers.

“I would much rather see a professional show in an environment that has been prepped and has some level of control rather than individuals shooting off fireworks illegally in unmitigated and uncontrolled surroundings,” said Freitag, adding “I am requesting the Towns of Prescott Valley and Chino Valley assist us in messaging the public that they should attend the professional displays and avoid use of retail fireworks.”

Stressing again, while the plans for the Town of Chino Valley to host a July 4th Fireworks Display was put in motion many months ago, the final decision as to if the display will take place will be constantly monitored up to and including the day of the event.

Local fire, police, and emergency authorities will continue to be consulted through every stage of this event.

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