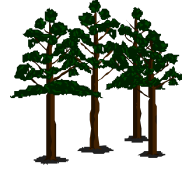


Rabbit Creek Community Council



September 7, 2022

To: Anchorage Police Department Chief Michael Kerle
Anchorage Fire Department Chief Douglas Schrage

From: H. Ky Holland, Chair RCCC Resilience Committee

Re: RCCC Thanks for the July 4th 2022 Fireworks Ban Messages

Police Chief Kerle and Fire Chief Schrage,

At the August 11, 2022 meeting of the Rabbit Creek Community Council, a motion to recognize and thank you for your joint efforts to reduce the risk of community wildfire danger during the July 4th weekend, was approved by a vote of 16-0. This motion was brought to the council by the Rabbit Creek Community Council's Resilience Committee including participants from other hillside councils and community groups working to reduce the risks and potential damage of wildfires and other community hazards such as earthquakes, wind storms and power outages. We all want to thank you for your joint work to successfully communicate with the community a zero tolerance policy on the fireworks ban and penalties for violation during a period of extreme fire danger and reduced response resources.

The committee members felt your proactive and strong message was critical in creating a quiet and safe weekend, and built on the earlier successful response to the Zircon and Elmore fires. A situation of multiple fires from fireworks over the 4th of July weekend could have been the disaster you have worked so hard, and successfully, to avoid.

Thank you for your joint effort. We hope that this will be an example for future years when we face similar extreme fire danger.

Best Regards,

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OEM Director Amanda Loach
Fire Marshal Dean
Assembly Members LaFrance and Sulte
RCCC Co-Chairs Ann Rappoport and Michelle Turner