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FOURTH OF JULY FIREWORKS VIEWING AND TRAFFIC CONSIDERATIONS

The Tucson Police Department will once again be coordinating traffic in and around the Downtown area on July 4, 2013 before, during, and after the annual fireworks display from A-Mountain. In an effort to ensure that all motorists and pedestrians remain as safe as possible when traveling to or from the area, Tucson Police Department personnel will be directing or managing traffic flow in several different areas. As in previous years, the residential area around A-Mountain, specifically South Mission Road between West Mission Lane and West Starr Pass, will be closed to all traffic beginning at 5:00 p.m. on July 4, 2013. The Sentinel Peak area will be barricaded on the early morning of July 4, 2013. Officers will be present throughout the day in the Sentinel Peak area. Only authorized personnel will be allowed to enter this area once the barricades are put in place. Additionally, only residents will be allowed into some neighborhoods near the intersections of West Congress and South Grande, South Mission and West Mission Lane, South Silverbell and West Bella Vista, and South Mission and West Starr Pass.

Citizens can expect to see officers at various locations in and around the Downtown Tucson area beginning at approximately 5:00 p.m. on July 4, 2013. At this time, their purpose for being at the different locations a few hours prior to the Fireworks show is to ensure that traffic is flowing smoothly as people move into the area to find a good spot from which they can watch the fireworks. During this time officers will be in their designated area providing high visibility police presence.

Once the fireworks display on A-Mountain begins, Tucson Police Department officers will begin managing the traffic flow in preparation for when citizens begin driving out of the area either during the show or at the completion of the fireworks. In addition to barricades that will be used to temporarily restrict access to different streets, citizens can expect to see officers conducting point control and/or manually controlling the signal lights at major intersections. East and West 22nd Street will have officers at every intersection with a traffic signal light between the east side of Interstate 10 and South Cherrybell. Officers will also be controlling areas of East and West Congress as well as East and West Broadway from South Granada to South Euclid.

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Please give yourself plenty of time to arrive at the location from which you would like to view the fireworks display in order to help us maintain a relaxed and safe atmosphere. As needed, we will make necessary modifications to our traffic control plans. Pay attention to officers in the different areas, who will be directing traffic, and never try to go around a barricade that has been put up to temporarily restrict access to an area. We look forward to the July 4, 2013 Fireworks Display and Celebration. Have fun and be safe out there!

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