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POLICE DEPARTMENT

To: Mayor Steven Douglas and City Council for the City of Commerce City

CC: Jason Rogers, City Manager

From: Darrel Guadnola, Chief of Police

Subject: July 4, 2024 Police Operations Planning

Date: July 1, 2024

In anticipation of the 4th of July holiday, I wanted to share with you and City Council the proactive planning Commerce City PD has in place in an effort to ensure a safe holiday. Commerce City PD annually works with the Rapids to provide services during 4th-Fest, a major league soccer event that culminates in a firework display over Victory Crossing. In addition to this, the 4th of July Holiday is traditionally a very busy time for Commerce City PD, as we work keep our roads safe from DUI drivers, respond to an increase in alcohol-driven calls for service, and respond to numerous fireworks complaints. This 4th of July, in addition to the normally scheduled compliment of officers working each of our patrol shifts, we will have the following special assignments in place:

Incident Command: Our emergency operations center will be activated and will be staffed by three command staff members, two sergeants, and two professional staff members.

Stadium Concourse Operations: Staffing will include one commander, two sergeants, eight officers, and one professional staff member.

Stadium Field Operations: Staffing will consist of one sergeant and four officers.

Fourth-Fest Branch: Staffing will consist of one sergeant and six officers

Drone Operations: Drones will be activated to support situational awareness and traffic related issues in the area of Victory Crossing. Staffing will consist of four drone operations personnel.

Traffic Operations: Staffing will consist of one sergeant, 11 police officers, and three community service officers

Dedicated Fireworks Enforcement: Staffing will consist of one sergeant and eight officers. This group will focus on firework complaints throughout the City and take appropriate enforcement action.

Commerce City PD has a normal shift compliment of officers working on the 4th of July. This compliment consists of four individual teams. In addition, and as noted above, additional manpower working that day includes four members of command staff, eight sergeants, 37 officers, three community service officers, and 7 other department members for a total of 59 CCPD employees who would otherwise not be working.

It is my hope that the efforts of Commerce City PD in this regard help create a fun and safe 4th of July for everyone who celebrates such in Commerce City.

