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After Action Report: July 4th Extravaganza

Purpose:

The Fire Marshal's Office is charged with the responsibility of conducting fire safety inspections prior to, during and after the July 4th extravaganza. The scope of work performed prior to the event includes inspections of the trailers, their location, and the canisters that house the shells. Inspections during the show include fire department access, placement of the fire engine, the brush truck and fire department staff. The fire department personnel watch for debris, from the fireworks and monitor the fallout zone. After the show inspections are performed by the fire department in the parking lot and roof tops of 1801 Exeter, surrounding streets and public areas. The fire department safety officer and a City dispatcher mans the Command Vehicle to monitor incidents in the park and weather conditions for the event.

Executive Summary:

The inspections prior to the event found no violations. During the event winds were light and variable, this allowed for a small fallout zone reducing the risk of fire danger. Inspections of the park ground and surrounding streets after the extravaganza found no live shells or burning debris.

Lessons Learned:

The July 4th event proved to be successful in part to the safety measures and inspections put in place. Communication between the Parks Department, Police and Fire Department were crucial in providing safety for the public.

Action Items:

The current process has proven successful for the event. Special events committee meetings prior to the celebration, inspections performed throughout the event, and the fire department safety officer and a City dispatcher assigned to the Command Vehicle make for a safe event.

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