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PRESS RELEASE

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CITY OF NORCO ENFORCES PROHIBITION OF FIREWORKS *Extra Patrol will be Deployed to Cite the Use of Illegal Fireworks on New Year's Eve*

NORCO, CA: The City of Norco, the Riverside County Sheriff's Department, and CAL FIRE will deploy extra code enforcement, Sheriff Deputies, and Fire Officers on New Year's Eve, this Saturday, December 31, 2016, to prevent and cite the illegal use of fireworks and firearms in the community. The City of Norco has a zero tolerance policy regarding the possession or use of illegal fireworks.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Norco Municipal Code, violators of the fireworks prohibition are subject to fines of up to \$1,000.00 per citation, plus any costs associated with fire suppression. The property owner can be cited regardless of whether they are the one who lit the firework or not. Violators may also face criminal prosecution. In addition to fireworks, illegally firing guns into the air is a felony and violators will be arrested and prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

Citizens may not purchase, sell, transport, use, or store illegal fireworks in the City and all of Western Riverside County. Due to the large lot sizes, open space, and the drought conditions, fireworks create a greater risk of fire hazards. In addition, fireworks and stray bullets have the potential to injure and kill innocent people and animals.

Protecting the safety of residents and their animals is a top priority for the City of Norco, the Riverside County Sheriff's Department and CAL FIRE. Please report all observed fireworks activity or firearm discharge by calling (951) 776-1099 or 9-1-1.

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