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Date: Monday, June 20, 2011

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council

From: Staff Sergeant Dennis Pullin

Request:

Consideration of a request from the "Magic Valley Citizens' 4th of July" to approve the annual fireworks display held at the College of Southern Idaho on Monday, July 4, 2011. This activity will begin at 2:00 p.m. and will conclude at approximately 12:00 a.m.

Background:

The Fourth of July fireworks celebration has been held for the last several years at the College of Southern Idaho. There will be eight to ten vendors on the CSI Campus from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., along with activities designed for children. The Twin Falls City Band will play from 8:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on the CSI Campus. The fireworks display will begin at approximately 10:00 p.m. and is expected to conclude by 11:00 p.m. As in the past, the area around the CSI Campus will be closed to traffic at 9:00 p.m.

Our evaluation of this event considered the following factors:

1. **History –Fireworks Event**
   - The Fourth of July fireworks event has been an annual event for the past several years.
   - The calls for service experienced during the 2010 event were minimal.

2. **Expected Crowd Size**
   - Attendance at past fireworks events has been estimated to be in excess of 2,000 people. The Twin Falls Police Department will provide a minimum of two (2) Police Officers to patrol the interior of the campus during the event.
   - This event will require a total of fifteen (15) Twin Falls Police Officers, four (4) non-sworn employees, and several volunteers. Officers from other local law enforcement agencies will assist with traffic control. The entire event requires 35 people to provide traffic control and to ensure the safety of citizens.

3. **Traffic Concerns**
   - Falls Avenue will be closed at 9:00 p.m. between Blue Lakes Boulevard North and Washington Street North. North College will also be closed between Blue Lakes Boulevard North and Washington Street North. The road closures will be controlled by traffic cones, barricades, and Police Officers and non-sworn personnel of the Twin Falls Police Department.

- Due to the road construction on Washington Street North and the stage of construction at the time of the fireworks show, Washington Street North may or may not be closed.
- Due to the road construction, most traffic will be diverted towards Blue Lakes Boulevard North.
- The City of Twin Falls will provide barricades and traffic cones.

4. **Live Music**
   - The Twin Falls City Band will be providing entertainment on the CSI Campus from 8:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. The Twin Falls City Band has performed at this event for the last several years.

5. **Interest to City of Twin Falls**
   - The Twin Falls Police Department feels the necessity to make this a safe event for the citizens of our community.

Budget Impact:

The special event overtime cost for the Twin Falls Police Department will be $2,940.00. The cost of this special event is included in the Patrol Division's 2010-2011 overtime budget.

The Twin Falls City Street Department will incur an overtime cost of $240.00 to place the traffic cones and traffic barricades in the area of street closures.

Regulatory Impact:

This event will require fifteen (15) Twin Falls Police Officers and four (4) non-sworn employees.

The Twin Falls Fire Department has approved and signed the Special Events Application.

The Twin Falls City Street Department will provide traffic cones and barricades. The Street Department will pick up the traffic cones and barricades the next day during normal working hours.

Conclusion:

Several relevant City Staff members have met and approved this application.

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the Special Events Application submitted for the "Magic Valley Citizens' 4th of July" event.

Attachments:

None

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