



# FACT SHEET

## 4<sup>th</sup> of July- 2011

### CONSUMER FIREWORKS

#### How much did the City spend on fireworks education and enforcement in 2011?

##### Fireworks Permitting Revenue

Fireworks Stand Permits – 22@ \$100 each	\$2,200
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,200</b>

##### Fireworks Permitting Expenditures

Fire Marshall Staff Time	\$3,500
Notification to permit holders (Fire Code Requirements and City of Vancouver ordinance requirements), fireworks stand permit applications, criminal background checks on permit holders, review of plans for fireworks stands, verification of insurance, license and payment.	

Firework Stand Inspections	\$3,000
Fire and Life/Safety inspections	

Site Clean-Up Inspection	\$1,650
In order to receive a full refund of the insurance bond	

##### Fireworks Public Education

Public Education regarding fireworks safety	
Printing flyers and posters	\$1,600
Fireworks Safety brochure	No cost

<u>4<sup>th</sup> of July Staffing</u>	\$3,200
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Fireworks Enforcement Teams of Deputy Fire Marshals and Police Officers were deployed in 2005-2009. Due to budget reductions in 2010-2011, the focus was on public education and outreach which reduced overtime costs by \$12,000 per year.

Expenses	\$12,950
Less Permitting Revenue	<u>- \$2,200</u>
<b>Total Costs</b>	<b>\$10,750</b>

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- **When can consumer fireworks legally be used in the city limits?**

In 2010, the City Council reduced the number of days that consumer fireworks can be used from seven days to four days (July 1-4). On July 1-3, fireworks can be used from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m. and on July 4<sup>th</sup> they can be used from 9:00 a.m.-midnight. Consumer fireworks can be sold for seven days (June 28-July 4). In recent years the City Council has banned the use of consumer fireworks on July 5<sup>th</sup> and on New Year's Eve.

- **How many fireworks complaints did the City receive in 2011?**

The 911 Center received 419 complaints and the City Manager's Office, Police Department and Fire Marshall's office received 36.

According to the 911 Center, the calls recorded were instances where the fireworks usage was outside the legal window, where the fireworks were perceived to be being used in an unsafe manner or were suspected to be illegal. Fireworks noise complaints during the hours when fireworks could legally be used were not tracked.

CRESA received a total of 260 calls from 10:00-11:00 p.m. on July 4<sup>th</sup>. However, this included all calls, not just fireworks complaints. Perception from the 911 Center is that a majority of the calls received during that time were related to fireworks.

## INDEPENDENCE DAY AT FORT VANCOUVER

### **How much does the City of Vancouver contribute to the Independence Day event at Fort Vancouver?**

Independence Day at Fort Vancouver is organized and managed by the Fort Vancouver National Trust, a non-profit organization. In 2011, the City contributed \$20,000 to support the advertising and promotion of the event. The City also provided a variety of services including emergency services, traffic management and police services however those costs are completely reimbursed by the Fort Vancouver Trust.

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