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## CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT

PRESS RELEASE

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## FOURTH OF JULY SPECTACULAR

The July 4<sup>th</sup> festivities will take place on the Fort Lauderdale beach, more specifically at A1A and Las Olas Boulevard. This city sponsored celebration will consists of live music, family activities, games on the beach and various contests beginning at 12:00 P.M. followed by a spectacular fireworks show at 9:00 P.M.

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department will lead the public safety and security operations. Additional lifeguards and Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue personnel will be on site providing ocean safety and medical assistance.

Parents are reminded to have discussions with their children, directing them to locate a uniformed police officer, fire rescue staff member or lifeguard should they become separated from their family. As part of our Lost Child Reunification Program, free child wristbands with parent cell numbers written on them will be available at all blue FLPD tents stationed along A1A.

## **Traffic Advisory:**

There will be no road closures. The July 4<sup>th</sup> activities will be concentrated on the beach between Las Olas Boulevard and SE 5 Street. Motorists commuting in the area should still anticipate heavy congestion and traffic delays. In an effort to minimize these delays, Fort Lauderdale Police Department personnel will be stationed at all nearby main intersections and crosswalks to assist with pedestrian and vehicular traffic.

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department would like to remind motorists to park only in designated parking areas, as any parking violations will be strictly enforced. Public parking lots will fill early, therefore, water shuttles/taxis and land public transportation are highly recommended.

## **Important Beach Regulations and Reminders:**

- ✓ On Saturday, July 2 and Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, **alcohol is prohibited** on the sand, sidewalks, parking lots and any location outside of licensed establishments. Only on July 4<sup>th</sup> during the Fourth of July Spectacular and only within the event area, alcohol will be allowed.
- ✓ Glass bottles are strictly prohibited.
- ✓ **Fireworks are strictly prohibited** to include; "any combustible or explosive composition or substance or combination of substance or any article prepared for the purpose of producing a visible or audible effect by combustion, explosion, deflagration or detonation, including sparklers" (M.O. 7.5(i)).
- Unauthorized vending of any type will be strictly enforced.

<u>See Something, Say Something!</u> Please report any suspicious activity immediately to the nearest police officer, lifeguard or fire rescue personnel or by calling 911.

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