



# Jacksonville Beach Police Department

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## Press Release

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The Jacksonville Beach Police Department is preparing for the City of Jacksonville Beach 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks Celebration. There is specific information regarding the event that will aid in the safety and enjoyment of the event for everyone.

The first issue to address is the issue of public safety. Please remember “If you see something, say something”. We are asking all suspicious activity be reported to police. The second issue to address is traffic on the day of the event. This is a large event where pedestrian and vehicular traffic are expected to be heavy. Due to this, certain travel routes will be limited or blocked entirely to aid in the consistent flow of traffic after 5:00 pm:

- SR A1A will have several turning lanes blocked to aid in the northern and southern flow of traffic.
- Beach Blvd will have limitations at different intersections to aid in the westerly flow of traffic.
- Pedestrians are strongly encouraged **to only cross at properly marked pedestrian crossings.**
- The main travel route for northbound and southbound traffic along the three beach communities will be SR A1A. A secondary route will be Penman Road to Florida, and then to Mayport Road.
- The main travel routes westbound will be J. Turner Butler Boulevard, Beach Boulevard, and Atlantic Boulevard. A secondary route for westbound traffic will be Wonderwood Drive.
- Please remember there will be delays in both vehicular traffic, as well as pedestrian traffic. If you are coming to the beaches area to enjoy the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration, preplan your routes and please be patient.
- Please help us keep the Beaches clean.
- **The fireworks show will necessitate a beach closure from 100 feet North and 100 feet South of the Pier. No one will be allowed on the oceanfront or in the water in that 2-block Public Safety Zone.**

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### Prohibited items or actions.

- **Trash:** Please remember to collect your trash and dispose of it properly in the receptacles provided at each walk over. Trash left on the beach creates a hazard for others as well as to the wildlife that inhabits the area.
- **Alcohol:** The Jacksonville Beach Police Department will be strictly enforcing Drinking in Public laws.
- **Please keep a close watch over children. The crowds will be very large and make it easy for children to become lost. Please remind your children to go to the nearest Lifeguard (Large Red Chairs on the beach) or Police Officer to immediately ask for help if they become lost. Adults please do the same to report a child who is lost. Immediate reporting is key to a successful outcome.**

We ask everyone visiting the city for our 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration, to please remember this is a family event. There will be numerous law enforcement officers on hand to aid in keeping this a fun, safe, environment for all. Please refer to the attached map for travel routes.

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## The Beaches Welcome You!

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### 4th of July Fireworks 2023

#### Traffic Issues

- SR A1A will have the turning lanes blocked to aid in the Northern and Southern Flow of traffic.
- Beach Blvd will have limitations at different intersections to aid in the Westerly flow of traffic.
- Pedestrian crossing zones for SR A1A will be at each traffic light along A1A. Traffic control will be provided at most locations to aid in crossing A1A safely.
- The main travel route for northbound and southbound traffic along the three beach communities will be SR A1A. A secondary route will be Penman Road to Florida, and then to Mayport Road.
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- Fireworks: please be aware that many consumer fireworks are not legal in Florida/Jacksonville Beach.
- Legal Fireworks: Consumer grade fireworks permissible for use in the state are generally classified as sparklers, fountains, and novelty fireworks that do not explode, spin, or fly through the air. Furthermore, state law requires the purchaser of any consumer fireworks be at least 16 years old.
- Illegal Fireworks: firecrackers, ground spinners, roman candles, rockets, bottle rockets, mortars, and others that explode spin or fly. Illegal fireworks will be confiscated and place the owner subject to penalty.
- Good advice: Even legal fireworks, commonly called "Safe and Sane," emit extremely hot sparks that may exceed 1,200 degrees, so please do not ignite fireworks in crowded areas such as the beach. Please remember to collect your trash and dispose of it properly in the receptacles provided at each walk over. Trash left on the beach creates a hazard for others as well as the wildlife that inhabits that area.
- Alcohol: please understand that it is illegal to drink alcohol in public in Jacksonville Beach. Violators will be subject to arrest.

#### Public Parking

- Most street ends along First Street in Jacksonville Beach have public Parking and beach access. On-street parking is also available on A1A and Second Street. Paid parking will be available at 4th Ave North & 1st Street and the Latham Plaza Parking lot.

#### Event Schedule

- Street closures will begin at 4:00 PM. The fireworks show will begin at 9:00 PM.

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