

**Canyon P.D.
Day Shift****Memo**

To: Lt. Dale Davis *DD*
From: Sgt. Ray Resendez
CC: Chief Bobby Griffin *rb*
Date: July 11, 2007
Re: 4th July Parade 2007

After Action ReportGeneral Activities Conducted:

This year's parade route was changed and began at the United Bank Event Center. The parade traveled west on 4th Ave which extended the route. This was done primarily to spread the crowd and allow for more space. We were hoping this would help with the congestion at 15th and 16th Streets. The event center also gave us a better staging area and more space. This change was a positive and the floats and entries were easier to line up.

This change created some challenges especially with the traffic direction and control. Officer Matt Coggins was assigned to 4th Ave. and 23rd St. along with two ESU personnel. We decided not to permanently close 4th Ave./ SH 217 since TXDOT might not allow it and a detour can not be found. Officer Matt Coggins informed me the traffic was not heavily congested. He said the traffic never backed up further than 2nd Ave. Officer Coggins and the ESU created gaps in the parade and allowed some traffic to get through. This appeared to have worked quite well. *This intersection is the most important part of the traffic control and I commend Officer Coggins for taking control and doing an exceptional job!*

The Randall County ESU continues to play an important part in helping with traffic direction. I met several times with Michael Trumbley and made the assignments well in advance. I provided each officer and ESU with a map of everyone's assignment. The Bike patrol was also utilized around the square and Officer Matt Coggins and Jennifer Jones were assigned to this duty. The parade route is approximately 1.4 miles long and lasted about 1 and ½ hours. There were over 100 entries in this year's parade. The front of the parade had reached 15th St. and the end had not made it out of the event center parking lot.

Areas Needing Improvement:

- Although a memo was sent to the Street department asking for a specific amount of cones and barricades, we needed more around the event center. We tried to leave the inside lane of 4th Ave. open to traffic but it was eventually completely closed. There are too many people walking around and trying to park. Traffic was sent around on the Spur.
- I was contacted by TXDOT about asking for authorization to close down 4th Ave and 23rd St. I had already explained what we were doing. It appears that they still want some type of letter

from our department asking for authorization for control the traffic. I have obtained a copy of the Dumas PD letter and will try to meet with TXDOT next year and get this matter resolved.

- I am reminding the administration that this parade is a big event for our department. I had spoken to Chief Griffin about the manpower issue and believe we should bring in more people. It is my understanding that there were 9 officers working the traffic after the fireworks display along with 3 ESU. I need to meet with the other Sergeants and discuss where we can utilize these officers better. We could bring a few officers in for the parade and allow the midnight shift to come in early and help with the traffic after the fireworks. The midnight shift was brought in at 8:00 p.m. which is probably too early. WTAMU officers also helped at 4th Ave. and 23rd St. I do not want to rely on other departments when we have our own personnel we can use.
- We need to have some in-service training for our bike patrol. We are assigning officers who have never had any training in this area but bikes are a useful way of patrolling and maneuvering through the crowd.

We had a few calls for service and no traffic collisions.

I would like to thank the following officers for a job well done!

Officer Tyson McBride	<i>assigned patrol/assisted with traffic</i>
Officer Jennifer Jones	<i>assigned bike patrol/ 15th & 4th Ave. inters.</i>
Officer Matt Coggins	<i>assigned bike patrol/ 4th & 23rd St. inters.</i>
Officer Shawn Miller	<i>assigned patrol/ 16th & 4th Ave. inters.</i>

Sgt. Ray Resendez

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Memo

SP
To: Lt. Dale Davis
From: Sgt. Steven Spears
CC:
Date: July 7, 2007
Re: 4th July Celebration 2004 2007

After Action Report

General Activities Conducted:

This year's firework show seemed to go very smoothly. There were Four ESU units assisting us with traffic direction. I spoke with Michael Trumbly and he felt it would be easier for his units if we did not put out traffic cones as we have done in years past. I had two ESU units at 10th and 23rd, one each at 12th and 13th Avenues. The ESU units used some of their traffic cones to assist at their locations and I had two officers at 10th Ave. and 19th St. Traffic seemed to flow well and the park traffic was cleared in good time. The size of attendance seemed to be a bit larger than last years. In all I feel the firework show went very well.

Areas Needing Improvement:

With the assistance of ESU directing traffic, there was an abundance of officers. Sgt. Ducheneaux had his shift come in at 8:00 p.m. As long as we can depend on ESU to assist us in with enough units, I do not feel that the number of officers was justified. The one area that may need to be addressed is the crowd at the park itself. There was one call of subjects throwing fireworks under people's chairs. If the crowd continues to grow, we may need more of a presence in the park itself. Whether utilizing bike patrol or foot patrol through the park. Though the event went well, I feel that I could have been better organized in officer placement and responsibilities.

Sgt. Steven Spears

