



Public information release

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Minneapolis Police Chief Brian O'Hara provided a 4th of July enforcement update.

July 6, 2024 (Minneapolis) On Friday afternoon, July 5th, 2024, Minneapolis Police Chief Brian O'Hara provided comments outlining the activities and results by law enforcement in Minneapolis over the 4th of July holiday.

"The fireworks show, Red, White and Boom, returned last night to Minneapolis," began Chief O'Hara, "and that's the good news. The bad news is that groups of juveniles and young adults were also back at it — attacking police and others with fireworks."

Starting Wednesday night, MPD tracked social media and found invitations on social platforms. Those invitations encouraged people to come to Minneapolis and commit these egregious, dangerous, and frankly idiotic acts.

"I don't think I have to tell you that throwing fireworks at people is extremely dangerous," O'Hara expressed. "It is dangerous to the people and police officers who were targeted, and it's dangerous to the people committing these crimes." Two years ago, individuals were permanently scarred from injuries caused by fireworks that were thrown at them. Last year, a young man was seriously injured while attempting to attack another individual with a firework.

The law enforcement response this year was robust, and no one was seriously injured during last night's attacks. Chief O'Hara thanked MPD's law enforcement partners, "I am thankful to the Minnesota State Patrol, the Ramsey County Sheriff's Office, the Minneapolis Park Police, and the University of Minnesota Police. Through a coordinated effort, dozens of arrests or citations related to illegal firework activity were made and illegal fireworks were recovered."

Most of the incidents occurred in the Dinkytown area. The majority of the arrests were for felony level PC Riot and/or Assault 4.

At this point, there are 30 confirmed arrests and 5 citations. That number will likely increase as reports are completed and reviewed.

Ages of arrested and cited individuals ranged from 15 to 23.

Investigations will continue. Investigators will identify and charge as many as possible who were not arrested last night. Anyone with specific information about an individual who participated are asked to contact Crime Stoppers, policetips@minneapolismn.gov, or leave a voicemail at the Minneapolis Police Tip Line - 612-673-5845.

"I would like to thank the thousands of people who came to Minneapolis last night to celebrate the 4th of July," O'Hara said. "I hope you had fun. That's what the holiday is supposed to be about. Fun. It's too bad I must be talking about being grateful nobody was seriously hurt. I hope you join me and thanking all our law enforcement partners who worked all night to keep the vast majority of people safe."

A synopsis of most of the incidents:

At approximately 11:30 PM on July 4th, a large group of people were throwing fireworks at each other and at vehicles near the 4900 block of Lake Nokomis Parkway. Two adults were cited. 24-183353

Just before midnight, near 14th St and 4th Av S, a group was firing fireworks at officers. 4 adult males were arrested and booked. 24-183336

At approximately 0031 hours, occupants of a vehicle driving through the area were seen by officers aiming mortar style fireworks at pedestrians near the 600 block of 12th Ave SE. An adult and two juveniles were arrested. 24-183455

At approximately 0115 hours, a group of males were throwing mortar fireworks at officers near 11TH AVE SE & 6TH ST SE. Two adults and two juveniles were arrested. 24-183503

At approximately 0125 hours, officers saw fireworks being thrown out of a vehicle by the occupants at pedestrians near 11TH AVE SE / 4TH ST SE. Officers stopped the vehicle and arrested 4 adults. 24-183481

At approximately 0141 hours, a large group was seen by officers shooting fireworks at people, vehicles, and apartment buildings around 12th Ave SE/6th Ave SE. More than a dozen adults were arrested. 24-183501

At approximately 0200 hours, a group was seen throwing fireworks at police officers and firing mortar rounds. One eighteen-year-old male was arrested. 24-183519

At approximately 0300 hours, near Cedar Ave and W Lake Nokomis Parkway, a group was observed by officers shooting fireworks at squads. Two adults were arrested. 24-183552

Statistics:

Arrested – Ages ranged from 15 to 23.

- 5 Females
- 30 Males

- 27 Adults
- 8 Juveniles

- 22 Adult Males
- 5 Adult Females
- 8 Juvenile Males

Links to videos depicting the dangerous behavior around Dinkytown:

https://youtu.be/b_mEbT4SLKk - In the upper right portion of the screen, an explosive firework is thrown near Minnesota State Troopers, MPD Officers, and passing traffic.

<https://youtu.be/xgVTYQFSD-k> - An explosive firework is thrown into traffic and explodes as traffic passes. Pedestrians and police were in the area.

<https://youtu.be/0lwSjhl0geU> - An explosive firework is thrown into the roadway next to a squad and explodes as a vehicle passes.

<https://youtu.be/esSoStu2974> - Off screen: While giving dispersal orders to a disruptive group, explosive fireworks were thrown at officers. On screen: Including Chief O'Hara, officers identified, chased, caught, and arrested some of the individuals involved.

7-5-2024 – 2 p.m. Press Conference

<https://youtu.be/DarFK6IfyJ4>

Arrests:

GO#	Date	Time	Location	Age				Name	Booked	
24-182488	3-Jul	1:06	4TH ST SE / 14TH AVE SE	17	Male	Juvenile	Cited		Youth Connection Center	Cited for Curfew
24-182510	3-Jul	1:10	4TH SE SE / 13TH AVE SE	16	Male	Juvenile	Cited		Youth Connection Center	Cited for Curfew
24-182510	3-Jul	1:10	4TH SE SE / 13TH AVE SE	16	Male	Juvenile	Cited		Youth Connection Center	Cited for Curfew
24-183353	4-Jul	23:20	4900 W Nokomis Pkwy	19	Male	Adult	Cited	Abdirahman B Hassan	Cited	Fireworks Violation
24-183353	4-Jul	23:20	4900 W Nokomis Pkwy	20	Female	Adult	Cited	Abdirahman B Hassan	Cited	Fireworks Violation
24-183336	4-Jul	23:40	14TH ST/4TH AVE S	18	Male	Adult	Arrest	Charles V Houska	HCJ	PC RIOT - PC Assault 4
24-183336	4-Jul	23:40	14TH ST/4TH AVE S	19	Male	Adult	Arrest	Mohamed O Ahmed	HCJ	PC RIOT
24-183336	4-Jul	23:40	14TH ST/4TH AVE S	18	Male	Adult	Arrest	Dawit Getenet Tessema	HCJ	PC RIOT
24-183336	4-Jul	23:40	14TH ST/4TH AVE S	18	Male	Adult	Arrest	Abdirahman H Dhaqane	HCJ	PC RIOT
24-183455	5-Jul	1:00	600 Block 12 Av SE	18	Male	Adult	Arrest	John Nyakango	HCJ	PC RIOT
24-183455	5-Jul	1:00	600 Block 12 Av SE	15	Male	Juvenile	Arrest		Youth Connection Center	PC RIOT
24-183455	5-Jul	1:00	600 Block 12 Av SE	15	Male	Juvenile	Arrest		Youth Connection Center	PC RIOT
24-183503	5-Jul	1:18	11TH AVE SE & 6TH ST SE	18	Male	Adult	Arrest	Muse Bashir	HCJ	PC Assault 4
24-183503	5-Jul	1:18	11TH AVE SE & 6TH ST SE	16	Male	Juvenile	Arrest		JDC	PC Riot and Fee on Foot
24-183503	5-Jul	1:18	11TH AVE SE & 6TH ST SE	18	Male	Adult	Arrest	Sudes B Muse	HCJ	PC Riot and Fee on Foot
24-183503	5-Jul	1:18	11TH AVE SE & 6TH ST SE	17	Male	Juvenile	Arrest		JDC	PC Assault 2 and PC RIOT
24-183481	5-Jul	1:23	11TH AVE SE / 4TH ST SE	20	Female	Adult	Arrest	Adna Ismail	HCJ	PC RIOT
24-183481	5-Jul	1:23	11TH AVE SE / 4TH ST SE	21	Female	Adult	Arrest	Nehwo Farah	HCJ	PC RIOT
24-183481	5-Jul	1:23	11TH AVE SE / 4TH ST SE	18	Female	Adult	Arrest	Sucdi Ahmed	HCJ	PC RIOT
24-183481	5-Jul	1:23	11TH AVE SE / 4TH ST SE	20	Female	Adult	Arrest	Suado H Omar	HCJ	PC RIOT
24-183501	5-Jul	1:41	12 th Ave SE/6 th Ave SE	20	Male	Adult	Arrest	Ahmed Mohamed	HCJ	PC RIOT
24-183501	5-Jul	1:41	12 th Ave SE/6 th Ave SE	21	Male	Adult	Arrest	Abdirahman Ali	HCJ	PC RIOT
24-183501	5-Jul	1:41	12 th Ave SE/6 th Ave SE	20	Male	Adult	Arrest	Hussein Jama	HCJ	PC RIOT
24-183501	5-Jul	1:41	12th Ave SE/6th Ave SE	16	Male	Juvenile	Arrest		Youth Connection Center	Cited for Curfew
24-183501	5-Jul	1:41	12 th Ave SE/6 th Ave SE	21	Male	Adult	Arrest	Zakaria Jama	HCJ	PC RIOT
24-183501	5-Jul	1:41	12 th Ave SE/6 th Ave SE	19	Male	Adult	Arrest	Ridwan Sallah	HCJ	PC RIOT
24-183501	5-Jul	1:41	12 th Ave SE/6 th Ave SE	18	Male	Adult	Arrest	Zakaria Umar	HCJ	PC RIOT
24-183501	5-Jul	1:41	12 th Ave SE/6 th Ave SE	18	Male	Adult	Arrest	Milkias Ghidei	HCJ	PC RIOT
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24-183501	5-Jul	1:41	12 th Ave SE/6 th Ave SE	20	Male	Adult	Arrest	Rudwan Hassan	HCJ	PC RIOT
24-183519	5-Jul	2:03	1300 Block 8 St SE	18	Male	Adult	Arrest	Liban Abdi	Charge by Complaint	PC RIOT
24-183552	5-Jul	3:03	Cedar Av S - W Lake Nokomis	21	Male	Adult	Arrest	Mohamed Nasir Abdullahi	HCJ	Assault 4
24-183552	5-Jul	3:03	Cedar Av S - W Lake Nokomis	23	Male	Adult	Arrest	Abdulahi M Abdulahi	HCJ	Assault 4

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