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2016 City Firework Display

4th of July Firework Display Has New Venue

According to Police Chief Pacheco and Fire Chief Wamsley:

The Rock Springs Police and Fire Departments are working together to ensure a fun and safe Independence Day with the annual Firework Show.

This year the City of Rock Springs will be hosting the annual firework show within city limits instead of at the Sweetwater County Events Complex. It will be held on July 4, 2016 starting at approximately 10:00 p.m. on the property behind Western Wyoming Community College.

The Rock Springs Fire and Police Departments would like to advise the public that the Gateway Boulevard extension will be closed to vehicle traffic on the evening of July 4th from 7 p.m. until after the fireworks display is finished to accommodate emergency vehicle traffic and emergency response.

The closure will include the Gateway Boulevard extension from the entrance to My Place Hotel at the 800 block to the West parking lot into WWCC on the 1400 block of Gateway Boulevard. In addition, all of the WWCC facilities will be closed all of July 4.

“The firework show location is visible from nearly everywhere in Rock Springs and we are encouraging residents to enjoy the firework display from the comfort of their own homes”, Chief Pacheco said. The City of Rock Springs will be following the International Fire Code during the Firework Display which states that fireworks travel 70 feet per inch of shell, and the largest shell during the show will be 6 inches. The farthest distance a shell will travel is 420 feet from the launch site, which is located in excess of 420 feet from any building in that area.

Furthermore, Pacheco and Wamsley remind citizens that fireworks are illegal in Rock Springs and those discharging illegal fireworks within city limits will be cited for violating this ordinance and their fireworks will be confiscated and destroyed.

Additionally, Chief Wamsley reminds citizens, “When using legal fireworks such as sparklers to do so safely, as these can burn in excess of 1200 degrees”. According to the National Fire

Protection Association (NFPA), Sparklers account for 25 percent of all emergency room firework injuries. Injuries can be prevented if proper safety guidelines are followed.

If you have questions regarding firework safety, please contact the Rock Springs Fire Department.

Both departments are looking forward to a successful 4th of July Firework display, but will be relying on residents to follow laws and closures to make certain everyone enjoys the evening safely.

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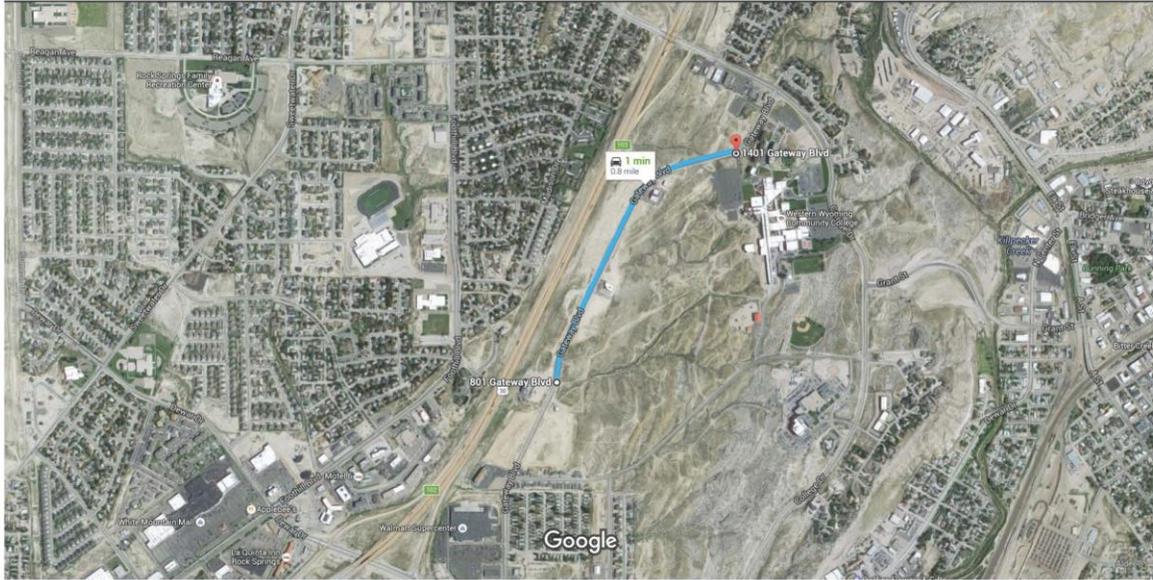
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Gateway Extension Closure - July 4, 2016 from 7:00 p.m. --- End of Firework Display



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