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**DATE: 6/30/2017**

**SUBJECT: Fourth Fest Celebration Traffic Advisory**

**BY: Duluth Police Public Information Officer Ron Tinsley**

**NATURE OF INCIDENT: Media/ Public Notification**

**CASE NO.:**

**INCIDENT DATE: 7/4/2017**

**INCIDENT TIME: All day**

**INCIDENT LOCATION: Bayfront**

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Traffic Advisory - Fourth Fest Celebration / Fireworks Display

On July 4th, the City of Duluth will be hosting the Annual Fourth Fest Celebration in the Bayfront area. Limited parking will be available at the DECC parking ramp, the Great Lakes Aquarium Lot, and in the parking lots on Railroad Street west of 5th Avenue West.

Traffic congestion will grow as the day progresses in the Bayfront area. During the later afternoon it's advised to park in the downtown area and walk to Bayfront. Harbor Drive behind the DECC WILL BE closed to traffic during the evening (starting at approximately 6:00 p.m.) to accommodate the large number of pedestrians that gather to watch the fireworks display. Just prior to the fireworks display, 5th Avenue West will be closed to down bound vehicle traffic.

The AERIAL LIFT BRIDGE will remain down position from 7:00 p.m. on July 4th to 1:00 a.m. on July 5th. The BLUE FOOTBRIDGE between the DECC and Canal Park will be down from 8:00 p.m.-11:30 p.m.

Fireworks will start at 10:10 p.m. and last approximately 20 to 25 minutes.

At the conclusion of the fireworks display, vehicles in the Canal Park and Park Point area should EXPECT LONG DELAYS, and access to the Canal Park and Park Point areas WILL BE RESTRICTED for about an hour, until most of the congestion in that area has been alleviated. If you need to get to those areas, it is advised to return there before 10:00 p.m. to avoid the delay.

The Duluth Police Department will be providing traffic control at the end of the fireworks to facilitate the smooth exit of vehicles and pedestrians from this area. Be aware of them and watch for their directions. Drivers caught going around Police barricades or cones WILL BE CITED.

YOUR PATIENCE IS APPRECIATED. Please remember, pets are not allowed in Bayfront during 4th Fest.