

## Lisa Clausen

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**From:** Cole, Carl [Carl.Cole@kingcounty.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 10, 2011 3:28 PM  
**To:** rw\_nelson@comcast.net  
**Cc:** Lisa Clausen  
**Subject:** Fireworks

Mr. Nelson,

Thank you for your email to the City Council dated July 5, 2011. First, let me apologize for how long it has taken for me to respond to you. I spent most of July on vacation or in training and am just catching up.

I was sorry to hear about your experiences on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. I can tell you that we paid overtime for two extra cars to assist the fire department in handling fireworks calls on the 4<sup>th</sup> and we received 22 calls in less than 4 hours. I am well aware that those 22 calls represented only a small fraction of the violations, but unfortunately it was what we could afford. We are in a position where we have to prioritize our time and resources and in the grand scheme of things, responding to fireworks complaints, which are civil infractions, not crimes, is fairly low. As far as your particular call, I have reviewed our Computer Aided Dispatch system for that evening and could not find a call from you. If you provide me with more information, to include the number from which you called 911, I would be happy to look into this further. The confrontation you described would certainly be a high priority and if we can learn something here I think that would be worthwhile.

In any event, I am happy to discuss this with you further. Please feel free to call or email me anytime. Thank you,

***Captain Carl Cole***

Burien Police Department  
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CFTR: 08/15/11

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**From:** Public Council Inbox  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 05, 2011 10:49 AM  
**To:** 'Russ Nelson'  
**Subject:** RE: Fireworks

Thank you for writing to the Burien City Council. Your message will be forwarded to the appropriate staff and included in the Correspondence for the Record for an upcoming City Council meeting.

L. Clausen  
City Manager's Office

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**From:** Russ Nelson [[mailto:rw\\_nelson@comcast.net](mailto:rw_nelson@comcast.net)]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 05, 2011 9:36 AM  
**To:** Public Council Inbox  
**Subject:** Fireworks

Why have a law banning fireworks if there is no effort to enforce it? I live two blocks north of Gregory Heights Elementary School and from 9:00 PM until after midnight on the 4th our area was like a combat zone. A police cruiser could have driven up and down 160th and surrounding streets and spotted dozens of homes where illegal fireworks were being shot off. I walked down 160th and found one home where they were setting off huge fireworks sending sparks into my yard and my neighbors' yards. Two young guys saw me, confronted me and followed me home where several of my neighbors intervened. I recorded the address and called police. I was put on hold for so long that my cell phone battery died and I could not file a report.

Russell Nelson

CFTR: 07/11/11