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Salvatore J. Cassano
Fire Commissioner, City of New York
9 Metrotech Center
Brooklyn, NY 11201

Dear Commissioner Cassano,

Throughout the year, your department issues Use and Discharge of Fireworks permits that allow fireworks displays to take place across the City.

Of course fireworks shows are enjoyable for both their intended audiences and the surrounding communities; but they sometimes occur without adequate warning and can be disruptive to local residents.

Therefore, we respectfully propose that the FDNY present an annual "Fireworks Community Outreach Plan" (F-COP) to affected community boards. Such a plan would make consistent the information each community receives and ensure that the community is adequately made aware of planned fireworks.

F-COP would be distributed to community boards at least once a year. F-COP would include the following information:

- The maximum number of Use and Discharge of Fireworks permits to be issued within each community board district per month (including those on the water within 2,500 feet of any community board).
- The specified hours for which Use and Discharge of Fireworks permits may be issued.
- Any blackout days on which permits will not be issued.
- The process by which notification of the issuance of Use and Discharge of Fireworks permits within the community board district will be provided to affected communities.

We look forward to working with you to ensure that communities across the City are provided consistent information. Please contact Senator Squadron at 212-298-5565 or squadron@nysenate.gov to discuss this issue further.

Sincerely,

Daniel Squadron
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Assemblymember

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City Council member