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MEMORANDUM

To: Windham Town Council
Through: Phyllis Moss, Assistant Town Manger
From: Kevin L. Schofield, Chief of Police
Subject: Consumer Fire Works
Date: August 2, 2016

This memo is submitted to convey to the Town Council the volume of complaints that the police department has received about the use of fireworks in the Town of Windham. As the council is aware, currently the Town does not have an ordinance which restricts or prohibits the use of consumer fireworks in the Town. Subsequently, we are governed by the state law. A summary of the law is attached to this memo, however to paraphrase, consumer fireworks are permissible for use from the hours of 9AM until 10PM with exceptions of the 4th of July, December 31st and weekends which are immediately before or after these holidays where they are permissible until 1230AM.

After reviewing the calls for the past 6 months, the police department has responded to twenty one (21) calls for service pertaining to the use of consumer fireworks. Of these 21 complaints six (6) appear to fall outside of the hours where the use of consumer fireworks is permissible. A copy of the calls is attached to this memo.

It is my hope that the statistics in this memo will help provide information to help guide some of the discussion for the August 9, 2016 agenda item.