

Ask the Chief of the Anna Police: A weekly column allowing readers access to useful information about law enforcement issues in the Anna area.

This column is the personal opinion of Kenny Jenks and is based on his 29+ years of policing experience. It is not necessarily the official opinion of the City of Anna or the Anna Police Department. If you wish to Email, include your name and address in the correspondence. Your information will be edited before sending it to print.

Happy Summer Readers,

Many E-mailers this week want to know about fireworks. The possession of fireworks is not permitted within the entire Anna area including both the City limits and the Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ). If you live within the boundaries of East Fork to the west, County Line Rd to the north, FM 2862 to the East, and County Rd 365 to the south, you may not legally possess or discharge fireworks. The City of Anna Council, the Greater Anna Chamber of Commerce, and the Anna Community Development Corporation have partnered to provide you with a fireworks show at Slayter Creek Park (Rosamond Parkway—northwest of the current high school location) after dusk on the 4th. Save your money and come to the free show in the park!

I had a call Tuesday from a gentleman who wanted to complain that there was an Anna Police officer sitting on Hwy 75 near Mantua today in the rain. He wanted to know why I put an officer out there when it was raining because he felt that it was poor use of our manpower. First, I didn't send the Officer out there; he went out there using his own incident-preventing discretion. The Officer's experience has taught him that when it rains and there is standing water on Hwy 75 that there are many single vehicle traffic accidents at that location. The Officer knew that his presence there would slow traffic and perhaps prevent another hydroplane-caused crash. It worked. Have a great 4th!

Reminder: Outdoor Storm Sirens Tested (weather permitting)

First Wednesday of the month @ 12 noon.

***Phone numbers: Dial 911 in an emergency.** To have a police officer sent to you in a non-emergency, call 972-547-5350. During normal business hours, the APD number is 972-924-2848.

If you have a question or comment, please email: kjenks@annatexas.gov