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TO: Commissioners' Court
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RE: Court Consideration of HB 1150

Honorable Court,

This past legislative session HB 1150 created three new periods for fireworks to be sold to the public if authorized by commissioners court. The new periods are Texas Independence Day (between February 25 and midnight on March 2), San Jacinto Day (between April 16 and midnight April 21), and Memorial Day (between the Wednesday before the last Monday in May and midnight on the last Monday of May). The commissioners court must adopt the authorization order before February 12, 2016.

In contrast to the traditional Fourth of July and December fireworks sales during which sales are permitted absent a finding by the court that drought conditions exist, for the three new fireworks periods the commissioners court has discretion as to whether or not the sales will be allowed.

I have spoken with the majority of Fire Chiefs in Collin County. I agree with the Fire Chiefs in that we do not support the addition of the three new sales seasons. More specifically fireworks sales result in increased staffing needs and an increase in the occurrence of fires placing an unnecessary strain on fire department resources.