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City of Kemah Elected and Appointed Leadership

Subject: Special Event Traffic Safety Management Plan (SETSMP)

Enclosure: SETSMP for July 4, 2023

Disclosure: City of Kemah Community



The purpose of this Special Event Traffic Safety Management Plan (SETSMP) is to present the Kemah Police Department's plan to ensure traffic safety during the upcoming Fourth of July celebration in our city. We have put a lot of effort into creating a comprehensive strategy that considers a myriad of possible scenarios.

Our goal is to manage traffic flow and prevent any mishaps during this joyous occasion. We understand how important this celebration is to our community and are committed to providing a safe and secure environment for all attendees. We kindly request your support and cooperation in executing our plan effectively.

SETSMP's Proactive Purpose:

1. We strongly believe proactively managing traffic can significantly reduce congestion and improve travel safety. To accomplish this, we strive to build partnerships with relevant agencies and maintain trust with all stakeholders.
2. Our goal is to always incorporate effective traffic management procedures and practices into our daily operations, with safety as our top priority.

SETSMP's Design:

1. We have carefully designed a traffic management plan for the upcoming July 4th event in Kemah that aims to ensure smooth traffic flow, reduce congestion, and enable emergency vehicles to access Kipp Avenue easily.
2. To improve upon last year's successful plan, we have made significant enhancements that make it more adaptable to changing traffic patterns.
3. Our team has worked closely with law enforcement agencies such as the Clear Lake Shores Police Department, Galveston County Precinct 4 Constable's Office, Seabrook Police Department, Texas Department of Public Safety, and the Galveston County Sheriff's Office, as well as local business owners, city officials, community stakeholders, Kemah Boardwalk personnel, and the City of Kemah Traffic Safety Management Committee to develop and refine our plan.
4. We aim to create a safe and enjoyable experience for all by ensuring organized and efficient traffic flow in and out of Kemah on July 4th.

SETSMP's Allocated Resources and Equipment:

1. Our team is well-equipped to execute the Kemah Police Department's SETSMP (Special Event Traffic and Safety Management Plan).

2. We have acquired all the necessary equipment, including 20 sturdy bollards, 12 prominent "no parking" signs, 25 clear "no right turn" signs, 25 concise "no left turn" signs, 24 highly visible "road closed" signs, 8 tow truck emblems, 8 "tow away zone" signs, 154 reliable sandbags, and 15 large cones, 70 more giant cones, and 63 durable barricades.
3. With these tools, we are fully prepared to ensure safety and smooth traffic flow during the event.
4. Before the end of June 30, 2023, all the necessary resources and equipment are expected to be delivered and securely stored in the Sallyport of the Kemah Police Department. This measure ensures their proper accountability and protection, reflecting the department's commitment to maintaining the highest security and efficiency standards.
5. To streamline the traffic control plan, the Public Works department has decided to proactively install all the required traffic control devices and equipment at their designated locations the night before the event. This will ensure a more efficient and hassle-free traffic flow during the event, keeping everyone safe and comfortable on the roads.
6. We are pleased to inform you that Weber Construction (and TxDOT) has kindly agreed to provide 100 traffic construction barrels to aid us in implementing our exit plan. These barrels will be strategically placed to guide drivers from 8th Street to 2094 seamlessly and to efficiently direct eastbound traffic from 2094 to turn southbound onto SH 146. With this well-devised plan in place, we are optimistic about achieving a smooth and successful event.
7. The KPD has received a valuable donation from Webber Construction and TxDOT in the form of 100 Construction Barrels. This generous contribution will allow the department to redirect traffic from 8th Street onto FM-2094 and improve the safety of the surrounding area.
8. We are grateful for our community partners' continued support in ensuring our citizens' well-being. The City of Kemah's Public Works Department will collect the mentioned contribution on Friday, June 30, 2023.

SETSMP's Allocated Personnel:

1. A team of 19 officers will be responsible for the successful execution of our SETSMP this year. While this number is four fewer than last year, we are confident in the capabilities of our team. In order to ensure the smooth implementation of the SETSMP, dedicated officers will be tirelessly working 12-16-hour shifts.
2. The Chief of Police will provide executive leadership and oversee emergency management during the execution of the plan. We have also allocated three dispatchers and four public works personnel to support the team in their efforts. With this collaborative approach, we are well-prepared to handle challenges.
3. The esteemed Mayor, Interim City Administrator, and Chief of Police have generously authorized the requisite overtime pay for the esteemed City of Kemah personnel.
4. KPD officers undertake diverse responsibilities that primarily revolve around guaranteeing safety and preserving order in different locations situated within their jurisdiction. This entails monitoring and patrolling the bustling Lighthouse District, being positioned at designated traffic posts in congested areas, conducting district patrols to ensure public safety, and supervising the City of Seabrook lightbox in a specific location.

5. To ensure the community's safety and security, the Kemah Police Department has put in place a comprehensive personnel and equipment assignment plan.
6. Two police ATVs, a minimum of 2 officers will be assigned, while 1 officer will be designated to the police 4WD Mule, and 2 officers to police bicycles.
7. Regarding personnel assignments, a dispatcher will arrive on duty at 6:00 am, followed by 5 police officers at 7:00 am, 2 officers at 9:00 am, 3 officers at 7:00 pm, and 7 officers at 12:00 noon.
8. In addition, 2 dispatchers are expected to report for duty at approximately 6:00 p.m. further enhance the safety measures; under the direction of the Chief of Police, 4 members of the City of Kemah Police Public Works Department are scheduled to report to work at 4:00 pm.
9. They will be released from duty at Midnight. This comprehensive plan ensures that the community is always well-protected and secure.
10. Weber Construction has been presented with the opportunity to provide four trained and qualified police officers to support the traffic control efforts of the Kemah Police Department in successfully executing the SETSMP.
11. They will carefully consider this opportunity before deciding whether they can contribute to this important endeavor.

SETSMP's Collaboration, Logistics, and Supervision:

1. Before executing our SETSMP, the KPD Patrol Supervisors have meticulously conducted a thorough walk-through of particular areas of concern. This was done as a preparatory measure to ensure everything is in order and ready for the execution of the SETSMP.
2. At the upcoming event, the Kemah Police Department will receive radios from the Kemah Boardwalk security team to use their Patrol Supervisors. To ensure smooth operations, KPD Dispatch will have extra personnel on duty, and all radio channels will be available for communication. This will allow for timely assistance and effective collaboration between the teams involved.
3. The vehicles assigned to each department are fully prepared and available for use all day long. The Chief of Police has mandated that all KPD personnel must work for at least 12 hours.
4. It is highly probable that the entirety of the city's parking spots will reach maximum capacity between the hours of 5:00 pm and 7:30 pm.
5. The eagerly anticipated Fireworks Show at the Kemah Boardwalk will commence promptly at 9:30 PM and will delight spectators until its conclusion at 9:50 PM.
6. We do not want our residents, community, and visitors to miss out on this captivating display of colorful explosions illuminating the night sky.
7. KPD will maintain regular communication with the General Manager of the Kemah Boardwalk, who will provide us with timely notification, approximately 30 to 45 minutes in advance if all parking spots within the city limits have been occupied.
8. Upon receipt of the notification, we shall execute the plan by closing all intersections within the City of Kemah, according to our SETSMP.
9. This measure is intended to ensure the safety and security of all road users within the city limits.

10. To guarantee the secure implementation of the SETSMP, KPD has taken measures to provide necessary provisions to all personnel involved. This includes water, Gatorade, and food, as the operation is expected to run for an extended period with fixed post assignments.
11. It is worth mentioning that Walmart's generous contributions have been instrumental in ensuring adequate supplies, thanks to which Mayor Robin Collins was able to procure substantial resources for this purpose.
12. The City of Kemah Police Department has issued a notice to the Clear Lake Shores Police Department regarding an anticipated rise in vehicular activity within their jurisdiction.
13. To guarantee the safety of all individuals, the Kemah Police Department has augmented the number of officers on duty and has requested the Clear Lake Shores Police Department to do the same.
14. Furthermore, the Clear Lake Shores Police Department has been cordially invited to participate in the "Traffic Safety Committee Meeting" arranged by the City of Kemah Police Department.
15. The primary objective of this meeting is to gather diverse perspectives and formulate practical measures to ensure smooth traffic flow and enhance overall safety.

SETSMP's Utilization of KPD's Automated External Defibrillators:

1. In order to prioritize the safety and well-being of our community, a strategic decision has been made to equip three Patrol Supervisors in Field Operations with Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs).
2. This proactive measure will enable us to respond with urgency and efficiency in an emergency.

SETSMP's After-Action Report Submission:

1. The Field Operations Commander will diligently conduct an After-Action Report (AAR) to assess our response to incidents, exercises, and events.
2. This report will identify areas of strength that we can maintain and build upon, as well as areas that may require improvement.
3. Our SETSMP is a comprehensive and collaborative effort by our public safety organization to safeguard the transportation system's safety, mobility, and reliability.
4. The SETSMP aims to mitigate event-generated traffic, optimize staff resources and support services, and accommodate traffic flow, all essential to ensuring our community's safety.

SETSMP's Notice of Necessary Plan Emergency Modifications:

1. At the forefront of our concerns is your safety, and we want to inform you that any details outlined in this SETSMP, as well as planned road closures at designated areas, are subject to alteration due to traffic and safety circumstances.
2. Furthermore, adjustments to emergency plans may be included in a subsequent release based on the collective circumstances and our community's well-being.
3. Please ensure that you adhere closely to the signage, traffic control equipment, and the instructions of the officers guiding you.

SETSMP, Respective to Lost Children or Lost and Found Property:

1. In the event that anyone comes across a child who seems to be lost or disoriented, it is crucial that they take immediate action by contacting 911 for assistance.
2. **DO NOT REMOVE THE CHILD.**
3. A highly trained KPD Officer will swiftly be dispatched to your location in order to ensure the safety of the child and commence the process of reuniting them with their immediate family.
4. Furthermore, it is kindly requested that any lost and found property be handed over to the KPD personnel stationed at the City Parking Lot. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

SETSMP, Respective to Water Shuttles:

1. For the convenience of visitors, water shuttles are available to access the Kemah Boardwalk from 8:00 am to 1:00 am.
2. Passengers can board a ferry boat from the Texas Avenue terminal and enjoy a scenic ride across the stunning Kemah Boardwalk Marina.
3. Additionally, multiple parking lots will be open along Texas Avenue, making it easy for visitors to park their vehicles and enjoy a hassle-free visit to this beautiful destination.

SETSMP, Respective to Parking:

1. As an upstanding member of the community, it is imperative to adhere to the designated paved parking areas and refrain from parking in any restricted zones.
2. In the event of any illegal parking, tow trucks will be readily available to remove the vehicle.
3. During departure, it is crucial to exercise patience and avoid blocking intersections to prevent longer wait times.
4. The intersection of pedestrian traffic and motor vehicles can cause gridlock, so it is imperative to follow the directions provided by the KPD Officers. By working in unison, we can ensure this event is safe and enjoyable. KPD strongly encourages visitors to use alternative forms of transportation, such as bicycles, golf carts, or rideshare services. Please note that pedestrians and Golf Carts can access Kipp Avenue as necessary.

SETSMP With Respect to Entering the City of Kemah as a Resident/Employee:

1. For those who reside in the City of Kemah or work in a local business or establishment located on the East side of SH 146, accessing this part of the city is easy and straightforward.
2. A resident/employee can take either Bel Road or Cien Road to reach their residence or place of employment.
3. To gain entry, a resident/employee must only provide proof of their residential address or employment status to the police officer stationed at Bel Road or Cien Road.
4. The officer will verify the information the resident/employee provides, ensuring that the resident/employee can access the East side of the City without any issues.

SETSMP's Respective to Kemah Independence Day & Kids' Bike Parade:

1. Officers will be available to meet and greet Golf Carts and Parade Floats at the Chili's Grill & Bar parking lot located at 225 FM 2094 in Kemah, Texas 77565, at 8:00 am sharp.
2. They will guide the participants to the 7th Street staging area. Once the parade is over, one escort via wagon train will be available to safely return participants to the parking lot of Chili's Grill & Bar at 225 FM 2094, Kemah, TX 77565.
3. This is all in an effort to ensure the safety and organization of the event while also making the experience as enjoyable as possible for everyone involved.
4. For those heading to the Kemah Independence Day Parade, there is another option for reaching the City of Kemah. Participants may take the alternate route via 3rd Street, conveniently below the N Hwy 146th Bridge.
5. In order to guarantee a secure and organized parade, it is imperative to establish proper traffic management. The police department has taken on this responsibility and allocated specific tasks to various units. Two police units have been designated to oversee the exit of golf carts from the Chilis parking lot.
6. Unit 1 will obstruct traffic on 2094 to enable the golf carts to exit the lot.
7. On the other hand, Unit 2 will use a vehicle to block NB traffic on SH 146 at SH 146/2094 and will have one of its officers exit the vehicle to stop SB traffic.
8. To further ensure the safety of the parade, the barricades will be set up the night before, blocking the road before the parade, particularly at 8th St/SH 146, 7th St/SH 146, 8th St and Bradford Ave, 10th St. and Bradford Ave, and 4th and Bradford.
9. An ATV will be waiting to stop N/B SH 146 traffic from turning onto 6th Street until Unit 1 takes place.
10. During the parade, the ATV will block 7th St so that parade participants can exit the parking lot.
11. The ATV will follow the parade once the last participant exits the parking lot.
12. Police Unit Two, stationed at 6th St, will block traffic.
13. When the last participant passes, one officer will walk to the other side of Kipp Ave to stop traffic at Kipp Ave and 6th St.
14. One of the KPD Officers leading the parade on bikes will stop at 4th St and Kipp Ave to direct the parade to continue down Kipp Ave and stop traffic near the rides from interfering.
15. An officer from Unit 2 will direct traffic at Kipp Ave and 6th St, while an ATV will block traffic from 8th Street from entering the parade.
16. Finally, barricades will be placed at the city lot entrance to allow the parade to return to the city lot.

SETSMP's Golf Cart Parade Recommendation:

1. It is strongly advised that individuals who operate golf carts make a point to view the Fireworks Show from the designated parking areas located at either Target on 2094 or Walmart on 518.
2. This will ensure maximum safety for all involved.

3. It has been confirmed that both Target and Walmart have graciously consented to allow their valued patrons and guests to enjoy the spectacular Fireworks Show from the convenience of their spacious parking lots.
4. This thoughtful gesture is sure to enhance the overall experience for all those in attendance. Please attempt to park Golf Carts in front of Toucan Alley.

SETSMP's Respective to General Golf Cart Entrance to the City of Kemah:

1. When utilizing a golf cart to enter and exit the City of Kemah, it is important to take note of the designated route on Bel Road.
2. Alternatively, there is a secondary entrance available on 3rd Street, located below the N Hwy 146th Bridge.
3. This entrance provides a convenient option for those traveling in a golf cart and seeking access to the City of Kemah.
4. A KPD Officer will closely monitor these routes to ensure that all operators follow proper protocol. Please attempt to park Golf Carts in front of Toucan Alley.

SETSMP's Contingency (Overflow) Use of Parking Lots of Target & Walmart:

1. The management of Target located in Clear Lake Shores has been notified that in the event of traffic congestion, the City of Kemah may redirect drivers who cannot enter the city after the streets have been closed to Target's parking lot.
2. This measure is intended to alleviate traffic and ensure the safety of all motorists.

SETSMP, Respective to Kemah/Seabrook Bridge:

1. It is anticipated that there will be a significant increase in traffic volume due to the ongoing construction efforts by TxDOT.
2. In order to facilitate the smooth flow of northbound traffic on the Bridge from the City of Kemah, the Seabrook Police Department has taken measures to station an SPD Officer at the intersection of 146th and Nasa Road 1.
3. This officer will be posted at this location between the hours of 8:00 pm and 12 midnight, and, if necessary, the duration of the deployment may be extended until 12:30 am, depending on the situation.

SETSMP, Respective to Ride-Share (Get Home by Grace, Uber, or Lyft):

1. Attention ride-sharing users! Expect delays in service times on July 4th due to heavy traffic and scheduled road closures.
2. To ensure safety, KPD urges citizens to "Get Home by Grace" by calling or texting 832-735-0875.
3. Remember not to drink and drive! Rideshare drivers must avoid illegal parking and stopping, as it poses risks to all parties involved.
4. Additionally, street closures may require pick-up and drop-off locations outside the event's immediate boundaries.
5. Please use the designated locations at 604, 606, 608, and 610 Bradford St. for rideshare pick-up and drop-off, if available.

SETSMP, Respective to Towed Vehicles:

1. If by any chance your vehicle has been towed within the City of Kemah, it will be transported to one of the designated towing locations listed below.
2. In the event that you suspect that your vehicle has been towed, we strongly advise you to contact the Kemah Police Department for assistance @ 281-334-5414
3. The KPD dispatcher will provide you with all the necessary information regarding the location of your towed vehicle and the steps required for its retrieval.
4. Please find below the names and phone numbers of the towing locations that have been designated for this purpose:
 - ABSOLUTE TOWING: 832-285-2457
 - ACTION TOWING: 281-338-2036
 - APPLE TOWING: 713-383-6200
 - BOSONE INC: 281-474-3344
 - CLASSIC TRANSPORT: 281-316-1325
 - DEWITT WRECKER: 281-338-0676
 - GASS AUTOMOTIVE: 281-316-9988
 - PLATINUM TOWING: 281-241-9443
 - STAMPEDE WRECKER: 281-338-8691
 - TAYLOR TOWING: 281-332-7477
 - LEAGUE CITY TOWING: 281-332-3500

SETSMP, Respective to Cien Road:

1. Please take note that only verified residents, employees of the City of Kemah, and local businesses and establishments will be allowed access to Cien Road.
2. However, please note that Cien Road will still serve as an exit point for all. To ensure the smooth and efficient management of the road, KPD officers will be stationed to oversee the area, and barricades will be placed on Cien Road, specifically on the eastern side of Hwy 146.
3. Moreover, please note that businesses located at the northeast corner of the intersection will remain accessible. In the event of an emergency or critical incident response, Cien Road will be accessible to provide uninterrupted access into East Kemah.
4. We kindly ask for your understanding and cooperation with this measure as it has been put in place for the safety and security of all residents and visitors.

SETSMP, Respective to Bel Road:

1. Access to Bel Road in the City of Kemah will be restricted to only verified residents and employees of the City of Kemah, while it will be open to anyone as an exit point.
2. For individuals residing or working on the East side of 146th, accessing this area will be a straightforward process.
3. To reach their desired location, residents or employees can opt for Bel Road or Cien Road. Upon reaching either entrance, they must present proof of their residential address or employment status to the stationed police officer for entry.

4. All inhabitants and workers of the Lighthouse District will be able to enter their homes from this point or report to work, with the officer verifying their details to grant them entry into the East side of the City without any issues.
5. KPD Officers will be responsible for manning Bel Road. Barricades will be positioned to close Bel Road to the east of Hwy 146, but businesses located at the N/E corner of the intersection will still be accessible.
6. The east exit from City Hall/PD will be closed, while the east entrance will remain open.
7. Following the event, KPD Officers will be available to assist vehicles in entering the southbound lanes of Hwy 146 if required.
8. In case of an emergency or critical incident, Bel Road will remain a dependable access route into East Kemah.

SETSMP, Respective to Kipp Avenue (from 2nd Street to 10th Street):

1. We fully recognize the importance of Kipp Ave to the success of our SETSMP. This road is a vital route for a significant volume of traffic, as it provides a safe and efficient path out of the city and onto Hwy 146 through Contraflow for emergency responses.
2. To guarantee a seamless flow of traffic, we understand the need to keep the lanes open for both emergency vehicles and regular traffic. Thus, we will place barricades on Kipp Ave and south of 7th St, 8th St, Kipp Ave, 9th St, and 10th St after the Independence Day Parade.
3. During the SETSMP operational period, we will close Kipp Avenue at 7th Street, 8th Street, 9th Street, and 10th Street before and after the Fireworks presentation.
4. After the Fireworks Show at the Kemah Boardwalk, Kipp Avenue at 6th Street will also be closed.
5. To prevent visitors from parking or blocking Kipp during the day's events, we will station Barricades at Cien Rd @ Hwy 146 (excluding Lukas BBQ & Steakhouse) and Bel Rd @ Hwy 146. We believe that keeping Kipp Ave open for emergency vehicles, residents, and exiting traffic after the event will be more than reasonable.
6. To facilitate and expedite traffic flow, KPD Officers will be positioned to direct southbound traffic on Kipp Ave and redirect it to Bel Road to exit the city after the Fireworks Show.
7. Additionally, another KPD Officer will be stationed at Bel Ave and 146th to provide further assistance.
8. In an emergency, the Chief of Police may authorize contraflow of lanes if necessary. Contraflow is a situation in which vehicles traveling on a main road in one direction must use lanes typically used by traffic traveling in the opposite direction.

SETSMP, Respective to SH 146th @ 10th, 9th, 8th, and 7th, Street Prior to Fireworks:

1. Prior to the commencement of the Fireworks presentation, it is important to note that certain streets will be temporarily closed to ensure optimal safety and efficiency. Specifically, SH 146th Northbound will be closed at 10th Street, 9th Street, 8th Street, and 7th Street.
2. This is in accordance with the preparations for the highly anticipated fireworks display and is intended to enhance the overall experience for all attendees.

SETSMP, Respective to SH 146th @ 8th Street After the Fireworks Display:

1. After the Fireworks show, motorists traveling from 8th Street will be directed to cross SH 146th and continue driving towards the south on SH 146th. This guidance will help ensure a smooth and safe traffic flow in the area.

SETSMP, Respective to SH 146th @ 2094 After the Fireworks Display:

1. After the conclusion of the Fireworks spectacle, the flow of vehicles traveling southbound along the SH 146th route at the intersection of 2094 will be redirected to the westbound direction onto 2094.

SETSMP, Respective to SH 146th @ 518 After the Fireworks Display:

1. After the Fireworks presentation, traffic on the Southbound side of SH 146th @ 518, will be redirected westbound onto 518.

SETSMP, Respective to SH 146th @ Bel Road After the Fireworks Display:

1. Once the Fireworks show ends, drivers on Bel Road must take a Southbound turn onto SH 146th. It's essential to remember that these vehicles cannot go straight across Bel Road toward Evergreen Memorial Parkway.

SETSMP, Respective to SH 146th @ SH 96 After the Fireworks Display:

1. After the Fireworks display, any automobiles traveling toward the North on 146th before SH 96 will be directed toward the West onto SH 96.
2. It is important to note that vehicles will not be allowed to cross the traffic light in order to enter the City of Kemah.
3. Similarly, those driving Eastbound on SH 96 towards SH 146 will be redirected to the South onto SH 146.
4. Additionally, Southbound traffic on SH 146 at SH 96 will be redirected toward the west onto SH 96. This is all being done in an effort to ensure the safety and smooth flow of traffic for all drivers.

SETSMP, Respective to SH 146th @ 6th Street After the Fireworks Display

1. After the splendid Fireworks presentation, vehicles exiting 6th Street at SH 146th will not be granted access to proceed southbound onto 146th.
2. Instead, vehicles will be allowed to proceed only northbound on SH 146th, crossing the bridge.
3. All traffic will halt at this intersection, and no vehicles will be permitted to enter 6th St from Hwy 146.
4. Barricades, signs, and cones will be positioned strategically as needed to ensure maximum safety and convenience.
5. This measure is being taken to ensure the safety and security of the attendees and the smooth flow of traffic.

SETSMP, Respective to City Parking Lot:

1. Kindly take note that the entry of northbound traffic into 6th St through the City Parking Lot has been prohibited.

2. In order to ensure compliance with this directive, barricades will be installed at the northernmost exit of the lot, effectively preventing vehicles from entering the area from the southbound direction.
3. Consequently, the sole entry point to the City Parking Lot will only be accessible from the south side of the northbound entrance.

SETSMP, Respective to Bradford Avenue:

1. For the sake of ensuring the safety of pedestrians and providing more parking space for Golf Carts, it has been decided to close off the stretch of Bradford Ave that lies between 6th Street and 7th Street, right in front of Toucan Alley.
2. However, there may be some flexibility in this restriction based on the overall circumstances. To enforce this decision, bollards will be put up on 6th St at Bradford Ave to prevent any W/B traffic.
3. Additionally, another set of bollards will also be placed on 6th St at Kipp Ave to control any W/B traffic. To further manage traffic, Boardwalk security personnel will be present to assist with traffic control management.
4. In case of heavy traffic, bollards and barricades may be used to stop all E/B or W/B traffic from 6th St from Bradford Ave and Kipp Ave.

SETSMP, Respective to Boardwalk Parking Garage Patrons:

1. To ensure a seamless departure from the Boardwalk Parking Garages, drivers will be guided to turn south onto Bradford Avenue and then a right turn onto 6th Street without any deviations.
2. From there, traffic will proceed towards SH 146 and be directed to turn northbound onto SH 146 towards the bridge for exiting the City of Kemah.

SETSMP, Respective to Texas Avenue After the Fireworks Display:

1. For the safety and convenience of all drivers, we would like to remind those traveling west of the Kemah Boardwalk Marina to take note of the following traffic directives.
2. To facilitate a smooth flow of traffic in and around Tookie's Hamburger, Molly's Pub, Swamp Shack, adjacent parking lots, 1st Street, 3rd Street, 4th Street, and 5th Street, all vehicles will be directed to exit the City of Kemah via the 3rd Street under the SH 146 Bridge.
3. To prevent traffic from traveling southbound on Carolyn St to 2094, barricades will be placed at Carolyn St. at West 6th Street.
4. In the same manner, barricades will also be set up at Miller Ave at West 6th Street to prevent traffic from significantly interfering with exiting traffic on 2094, which is in close proximity to SH 146. Access to 6th St will be restricted by barricades stationed at Texas Ave at 5th St.
5. Barricades will also be stationed alongside SH 146 Southwest (rear) of Tookie's Hamburger to ensure traffic is efficiently and safely diverted to exit the City of Kemah through 3rd Street under the SH 146 Bridge.
6. Please note that barricades will be stationed on Texas Ave at SH 146 to prevent entry or exit from SH 146.
7. A KPD officer (or another peace officer) will be stationed at the intersection of Miller Avenue and 2094 to ensure compliance with these directives.

8. Lastly, barricades will be stationed on Texas Ave at 6th St to prevent motorists from exiting via Texas Ave from 6th or entering Texas Ave from 6th St.
9. We hope that these directives will help ensure a safe and orderly flow of traffic for all drivers traveling in this area.

SETSMP, Respective to Eastbound Traffic of 2094 After the Fireworks Display:

1. After the spectacular Fireworks Display, motorists traveling towards the East on 2094 at SH 146 will receive directions to turn Southbound on SH146.
2. Please note that turning left onto SH 146 for travel towards the Northbound direction will not be allowed at the intersection.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, our team worked hard to develop a comprehensive Special Event Traffic Safety Management Plan (SETSMP) for the upcoming Fourth of July celebration. We understand the importance of this event to our community and are committed to making sure that everyone has a fun and safe time.

We have carefully considered various possible scenarios to create a flexible and manageable plan that will keep traffic flowing smoothly and prevent any accidents. We believe proactive traffic management will greatly reduce congestion and improve travel safety.

That's why we've established partnerships with relevant agencies and strive to maintain trust with all stakeholders. Our top priority is always safety, and we aim to incorporate effective traffic management procedures and practices into our daily operations.

We appreciate your support and cooperation in implementing our plan. If you have any suggestions or feedback, we'd be happy to hear them. We're committed to creating a safe and secure environment for everyone, and we believe that working together is the key to making this Fourth of July celebration a memorable and enjoyable experience for all.

Thank you for your continued support and patience.

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