

**4th of July**  
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Fireworks could be seen from several spots off the Malibu coast.



Maggie Karagyezan from Burbank kept cool on the Fourth of July.



Anastasia Savinsky does a flip in the wet sand at Zuma Beach.

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sions or emergencies.”

Although the delays were inconvenient for holiday crowds, the station didn't respond to anything out of the ordinary, despite an increased number of people in the City of Malibu and on the beaches.

“Considering the crowd, it went well and was really safe,” Royal added.

The Fourth of July is always a busy weekend for Malibu, but Lifeguard Captain Tim McNulty said several factors contributed to making this long weekend even busier than normal.

“We were extremely busy,” McNulty told The Malibu Times. “We had four factors that contributed to this: the holiday weekend, hot weather, large surf and warm water.”

Ocean water temperatures reached 70 degrees over the weekend, with large surf reaching 2 to 3 feet overhead, making the waves a popular destination for visitors and locals alike Friday through Sunday.

**No major rescues were made as nearly 600,000 people visited Malibu's beaches over the Independence Day weekend.**

Warmer weather was also a factor, with temperatures reported in the 80s and up to the 90s in some areas.

Approximately 600,000 people

made a visit to the beach over the long weekend. This is twice the number of people who were at the beach last weekend, which was reported as 298,000.

On the Fourth of July, 196,500 people visited Malibu beaches. Approximately 181,500 people visited on July 5 and 206,000 made the trip on July 6, the highest count for the three-day weekend.

According to McNulty, there weren't any out of the ordinary or major emergency calls throughout the weekend, even with increased visitor traffic.

On Friday, 978 citations were given out and on Saturday, 1,070. On Sunday, the busiest day at the beaches, there were 1,120 citations.

Although there were no major rescues over the course of the weekend, there were 40 minor rescues on the Fourth of July, 26 on July 5 and 58 on July 6. Most of the incidents occurred at Zuma Beach.

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