



# RAPID CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Mayor Allender and City Council  
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Rapid City, SD 57701

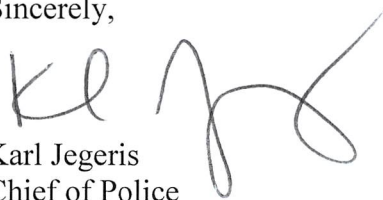
RE: Event Permit – Parade of Lights

Dear Mayor and City Council,

The Rapid City Police Department has supported the annual Parade of Lights for several years. Due to the darkness of the event and the large crowds that typically participate, this parade has additional safety factors involved. To properly mitigate risk, this has become a staff intensive event for our department. Unfortunately, last year, many of the Parade of Lights volunteers did not show up, and caused last minute changes to our operations plan. This resulted in a reprioritization of locations where we had personnel posted and caused some locations to not have a staff member present. This raises the overall risk to the public and cannot be repeated.

On 9-9-16, I met with the Parade Organizer, Connie Olson, and discussed these concerns with her. She fully understands and agrees with the safety concerns, and reassured me that the event organizers would work with our staff to make certain that enough volunteers would be provided to ensure adequate staffing was available for the necessary road closures. Further, the event organizers will take additional steps to enforce safety concerns related to the floats. Taking this into consideration, my recommendation is to approve this special event permit.

Sincerely,



Karl Jegeris  
Chief of Police