

Cops busy July 4 with 'normal' holiday calls

South Lake Tahoe police responded to fewer calls this Fourth of July than years past.

In the 24-hour ending at 6am July 5 city cops arrested seven people.

One driver was arrested on DUI charges and one person was arrested for misdemeanor domestic violence.

Although officers responded to a number of complaints regarding fireworks, even these types of calls were fewer than in past years.

In Douglas County, 24 people were arrested throughout the day and evening. Charges included burglary, battery, trespassing, larceny, DUI, disorderly conduct and minor consuming alcohol. In addition to the arrests, six people were issued citations for minor consuming, larceny and possession of paraphernalia.

Deputies said the crowds in the Stateline, Round Hill and Zephyr Cove areas of Lake Tahoe were large and that with the exception of a few altercations in the casino area, Nevada Beach and Zephyr Cove Beach, the crowd was relatively well behaved.

Not everyone was thrilled though with the deputies because 11 patrol cars were blocking the lower entrance to the county garage, which is a popular fireworks viewing area. A vehicle blocked the garage at the end of the show, which created a traffic jam.

Lake Tahoe News has a call into DCSO.

The U.S. Forest Service still has no comment on what happened at Ski Beach on the South Shore.

– *Lake Tahoe News staff report*