

Charlie,

As we discussed, there are a number of annual events where light towers could prove beneficial to us, and we have borrowed towers for several of these in the past. Also, there have been numerous times when we tied up an emergency vehicle to provide lighting for an extended period of time during a non-emergency situation. I have listed all of the ones that come to mind, and I asked David White to also provide his thoughts below. Let me know if you need any further information. Thanks for your help with this.

Events:

Balloon Festival – we usually borrow light towers from BCSO and Orange Beach FD to provide for public safety needs in addition to the 8 – 10 towers that the Chamber rents.

Festival of Flavor – lighting for setup on Friday night

Uptown Halloween – we have used fire trucks and portable lighting borrowed from other agencies each year

Relay for Life events – we have used fire trucks at various relay events in different locations and parks to provide lighting for the walk.

Graham Creek Park – with events that are being planned, I'm sure that there will be a need

Foley HS Football games – we have borrowed lights for big games to provide lighting for dark areas around the stadium

Training events – we have used fire trucks for various night training in the past

From David White:

Chief Darby, the police department would benefit greatly from the city's purchase of light towers. The purchase of light towers have been in our budget talks for a couple of years. Below is a list of events where we would use the light towers:

* Crime Scenes-We have worked numerous crime scenes that good lighting is essential to the proper processing of evidence, the recent murder/arson being one of them. Many times we call on the fire dept for lighting of these major scenes.

* Traffic Accidents-There have been a few major traffic accident scenes where lighting the scene would benefit the investigation. Again we rely on the fire dept for light currently.

* Training events-The police department participates in night time/low light training a few times each year. This occurs mostly at the range.

* Black Friday- We have a large presence at the Tanger Outlet Mall during Black Friday. Hwy 59 in front of the mall needs better lighting and the overflow parking areas.

* Balloon Fest- Used to light major traffic congestion points and parking areas as well as the venue itself. We have used both the Mobile and Baldwin Sheriff's light towers for years.

* Other Special Events- BBQ & Blues, Art in the Park and Festival of Flavor all begin set up the night before and the towers will provide better lighting.

* Football Games-There are a few places around the stadium that could be better lit. Particularly on Pine Street in front of the stadium and on Oak Street running north from the stadium. They could be used for the major games that we have.

And that's just the events that we have now. Blue Collar, The new sports complex and the new events center will all bring more events where the towers will be beneficial.

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