

Valenzuela reports zero firecracker-related injury

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FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HISTORY, THE CITY of Valenzuela recorded no cases of FIRE-CRACKER-RELATED INJURIES DURING the New Year revelry. city Mayor reported and Rex public Gatchalian that hospitals they received said in private the no firecrackers. cases of injuries related to

He praised residents for observing the ban on firecrackers and pyrotechnic devices.

“Generally, we are giving the credit to most residents in the city who opted not to use firecrackers and even pyrotechnics especially during told led He by The also Vice the Manila lauded revelry,” Mayor Times. the Lorie city Gatchalian council Natividad-Borja for the timely passage of the ordinance banning the use of firecrackers. Gatchalian noted that because only a few residents used fireworks to ring in 2021, city personnel did not have a hard time cleaning up streets.

“Normally, the day after New Year’s Eve our streets are full of garbage from fireworks. This year, our street sweepers did not have a hard time cleaning,” he said.

The mayor stressed that the total ban on all types of fireworks would remain until the state of public health emergency is lifted.

Quezon City Mayor Josefina Belmonte also reported lower firecracker-related injuries.

“The intensified campaign against the sale and distribution of firecrackers has drastically reduced the number of firecracker-related injuries this year,” she said as she praised the Quezon City Police Department and the city’s Market Development and Administration Department for their dedication to make sure the New Year’s revelry would be fun and safe. Data from the Quezon City Health Department showed that only seven fireworks-related injuries were reported by various hospitals from Dec. 21, 2020 up to 6 a.m. of Jan. 2, 2021. This is 80 percent lower than the 35 firecracker-related incidents recorded during the same period last year.

Belmonte attributed the low number of injuries to the confiscation of more than P500,000 worth of firecrackers.

She ordered the strict enforcement of ordinances prohibiting the sale and use of firecrackers.