



COMBINED AGENCY PRESS RELEASE
BROOMFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT
NORTH METRO FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT



Type of Incident: Fireworks
Location: City and County of Broomfield
Date and Time Occurred: June 27 – July 6, 2014
Case Report #: n/a

Broomfield, CO - The Broomfield Police Department and North Metro Fire Rescue District are working together to address community concerns regarding fireworks safety and the approaching holiday. Personal fireworks are often a family tradition but they can also turn a fun time into a tragic event. Unintentional firework injuries occur at every age level – however, children under 19 experience nearly half of all injuries. Even with adults present, mishaps still occur due to delayed or early firework explosions, errant flight paths of rockets, debris from aerial fireworks and the mishandling of sparklers.

According to Broomfield Municipal Code Chapter 9-76, most fireworks are illegal within the City and County of Broomfield. If an item produces a visual or auditory sensation by burning or exploding, it's illegal.

In an effort to increase the safety of our citizens and community, the Broomfield Police Department will be stepping up their enforcement by adding extra police personnel from June 27 - July 6 to address firework violations. Anyone caught using illegal fireworks will have their fireworks confiscated and they may be ticketed. Violations of the City and County of Broomfield fireworks ordinance can result in a fine of up to \$1,000 and/or up to one year in jail.

Even using permissible fireworks comes with risks. Parents should not allow children to ignite or handle these items. In addition, the following safety steps should be implemented to reduce hazards and potential injury:

- Adults should supervise all fireworks activities. Sparklers burn at temperatures of about 2,000 degrees (hot enough to melt some metals). Children under 5 should not hold or use these items.
- Never re-light or pick up fireworks that have not fully functioned.
- Never point or throw fireworks at another person.
- Keep a bucket of water or a garden hose handy in case of fire or other mishap.
- After fireworks fully complete their function, douse the spent device with plenty of water from a bucket or hose before discarding in your trash.

Celebrating the Fourth of July with your family does not have to exclude fireworks. Your family and friends are invited to attend the Great American Picnic and Fireworks Show to be held at the Broomfield County Commons complex. The Fourth of July Celebration begins at 5:30 p.m. with entertainment for children and carnival games. Bring a picnic or enjoy dinner from a vendor at the park. After the concert, the fireworks display begins at approximately 9:30 p.m.

To report fireworks violations call 303-438-6400.

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Commander Chris Terry
Supervisor's Signature

June 20, 2014
Date