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Fourth of July Fire Safety

DENVER — June 29, 2016— Many will celebrate our nation’s independence this 4th of July holiday with fireworks, barbecues, and family gatherings. The Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control (DFPC) wants to remind everyone to keep fire safety in mind this holiday weekend.

“DFPC is urging the public to celebrate our nation’s independence by attending a professional fireworks display in Colorado,” said DFPC Director Mike Morgan. “Every year thousands of properties are damaged or destroyed and thousands of people are injured by consumer fireworks. The professional displays are carefully monitored and permitted by the appropriate authorities, and include the support of the local fire department.”

Important facts and safety tips about fireworks:

Regulations

- Unless used by a certified display operator in the performance of a permitted display, only permissible fireworks shall be allowed
 - “Permissible fireworks” do not include any devices that explode (fire crackers) or leave the ground (rockets, roman candles, etc.)
- Fireworks shall not be used by anyone under sixteen years of age, unless under the supervision of an adult
- Local jurisdictions may enact more stringent provisions, up to and including prohibition of all fireworks
- Purchasing fireworks in another State and then transporting these fireworks across State lines is illegal in Colorado

Safety Information

- All fireworks can be dangerous. Even sparklers burn at 1,200 degrees, hot enough to cause instant third-degree burns
- Every year fires in trees, brush, grass, and structures are attributed to improperly used or disposed of fireworks
- Fireworks should be used in a safe location and as intended; do not use them in areas with dried leaves or similar debris
- Have a hose or other tool(s) readily available in the event that a fire starts
- Do not use damaged fireworks
- Spent fireworks should be placed in a bucket of water until saturated.
- Check local fire restrictions before using consumer fireworks
(www.coemergency.com)

For more ways to be fire safe this holiday weekend, please visit us at dfpc.state.co.us

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