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Fireworks

(Peoria, IL) - Peoria Police Department would like to remind the public of dangers associated with using fireworks. The National Fire Protection Association recommends leaving fireworks to the professionals. The safest way to enjoy fireworks is by attending a public display conducted by trained professionals.

For the safety of residents only the following types of fireworks are permitted in Peoria and mirror the Office of the State Fire Marshall regulations:

Approved Consumer Fireworks are limited to the following types of fireworks:

- Cones including Showers of Sparks, Fountains and Repeaters (also known as Cakes)
- Mines, Comets, Tubes, Shells, Fancy Florals and Parachutes

Unregulated (also allowed) Novelty Fireworks:

- Snake or glow worm pellets; smoke devices; trick noisemakers known as “party poppers”, “booby traps”, “snappers”, “trick matches”, “cigarette loads”, and “auto burglar alarms”; sparklers; toy pistols, toy canes, toy guns, or other devices in which paper or plastic caps containing twenty-five hundredths grains or less of explosive compound are used, provided they are so constructed that the hand cannot come in contact with the cap when in place for the explosion; toy pistol paper or plastic caps that contain less than twenty hundredths grains of explosive mixtures.

Prohibited Consumer Fireworks (include, but are not limited to):

- Hand held fireworks, bottle rockets, firecrackers of any size or type, sky rockets, roman candles, chasers, buzz bombs, helicopters, missiles, planes, sky lanterns, pin wheels, any ground items other than those identified as Approved Consumer Fireworks.

Sparklers are also allowed, but are discouraged due to the heat produced – 1200 to 2000 degrees or enough to melt glass.

Please follow these safety guideline recommendations for the approved types of fireworks:

- Choose a level surface free of grass, weeds, or other combustible material for at least ten feet in all directions.
- Keep children and pets out of this discharge area, only responsible adults should handle or light fireworks.
- Always keep a hose or bucket of water on hand.
- Once the fireworks are spent, they should be placed into a bucket of water to soak overnight before placing them in the garbage.

Those individuals found in violation of the City of Peoria Municipal Ordinance 11-91, (Fireworks), are subject to a \$250 citation.

The safest, smartest, and most economical alternative to using fireworks on or near the Fourth of July is to attend free public fireworks displays. Upcoming Independence Day fireworks displays include Glen Oak Park held on July 3, 2018 at dusk and the UnityPoint Health – Red White and Boom celebration on July 4, 2018.

Let's have a fun and safe 4th of July!

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