OFFICIAL NOTICE

ALL FIREWORKS ARE ILLEGAL

IN THE CITY OF LONG BEACH
Including “SAFE & SANE” Fireworks

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ARE DANGEROUS

We care about your safety!

Municipal Code Section 18.48.010

Anyone cited or arrested for fireworks violations may be faced with a $1,000 fine, sentenced to jail for six months, or both.

If you See Something, Say Something!
Call Long Beach Police Dispatch at (562) 435-6711 or 9-1-1 if you observe dangerous or illegal activities. Together, we can enjoy a safe holiday.
Fireworks are illegal in Long Beach, and can be dangerous. Even the so-called Safe and Sane fireworks and sparklers can be harmful. These “store-bought” ground-based fireworks can often result in serious burns, hearing loss and other injuries.

Fireworks are a traditional part of America’s Fourth of July celebration, yet every year people take needless risks when they celebrate the Fourth of July.

Here's a sobering look at the dangers of fireworks:

- In 2011, fireworks caused an estimated 17,800 reported fires, including 1,200 structure fires, 400 vehicle fires, and 16,300 outside and other fires.
- These fires resulted in an estimated 40 civilian injuries and $32 million in direct property damage.
- On Independence Day in a typical year, fireworks account for two out of five of all reported fires, more than any other cause of fire.

In 2013, U.S. hospital emergency rooms saw an estimated 11,400 people for fireworks related injuries.

- Over three out of five (62%) of the 2013 fireworks injuries were burns, while just over one-fifth (22%) were contusions or lacerations.
- Two out of five (40%) people injured by fireworks were under the age of 15.
- Males accounted for three-fifths (57%) of the injuries.
- The risk of fireworks injury was highest for the 0-4 age group, followed by children 10 to 14 years of age.
- Sparklers alone accounted for 41% of the emergency room fireworks injuries in 2013. Sparklers accounted for four out of five (79%) of the injuries to children under five.

For more information on fireworks safety please visit www.nfpa.org and search for “fireworks.”

The National Council on Fireworks Safety reports that for the past several years, there has been a decreasing trend in the fireworks injury rates. A major reason has been the increasing popularity of professional fireworks shows, which residents are encouraged to attend.

Every year, about 50 professional shows are held throughout the Greater Los Angeles area on the Fourth of July, including shows in and around Long Beach.

Check www.longbeach.gov or your local newspaper for more information. Please leave the fireworks shows to the professionals and stay safe.
4th of July Safe Celebration Reminder

With the 4th of July holiday fast approaching, the Long Beach Fire and Police Departments would like to remind residents and visitors that all fireworks, including those marked “Safe and Sane,” are illegal in the City of Long Beach.

The Police and Fire Departments will be out in force the days leading up to and on July 4th to ensure compliance of the Long Beach City Ordinance that bans fireworks. Although both Departments seek voluntary compliance to ensure public safety, this duty often requires strict enforcement of all laws through arrest and citations. Anyone cited or arrested for fireworks violations may be faced with a $1,000 fine, sentenced to jail for six months, or both. The fines and penalties may increase depending on the fireworks’ classification. Fireworks may be voluntarily disposed of at collection bins located at all fire stations, Lifeguard Headquarters (2100 E. Ocean Boulevard, on the West side of the Junipero lot), or any police station.

For those who would like to enjoy fireworks, please plan to attend a safe and professionally controlled firework show to ensure the safety of your family, friends, and property.

Police officers will strictly enforce all laws, especially those associated with drinking in public, public intoxication, drunk driving, and minors in possession of alcoholic beverage and underage drinking, and illegal barbecues on all public property, parks, and beaches. The use of personal barbecues in all city parks and beaches is prohibited. Use of permanent city installed barbecues is acceptable. All parks and beaches from Shoreline Drive to the end of the Peninsula will be heavily patrolled.

The Long Beach Fire and Police Departments encourage responsible parenting and request that parents closely supervise their children, set expectations for proper behavior, and monitor their activities. If you See Something, Say Something! Call Long Beach Police Dispatch at (562) 435-6711 or 9-1-1 if you observe dangerous or illegal activities. Together, we can enjoy a safe holiday.