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**Ventura's public safety agencies remind residents there
is no safe way to use fireworks**
All fireworks are illegal in the City of Ventura

Ventura, Calif. — While Independence Day embodies the spirit of community pride and celebration, the Ventura Police and Fire Departments urge community members to embrace a safe and sane approach to the cherished national tradition. Residents are encouraged to do their part to help prevent fires and injuries caused by illegal fireworks and attend an authorized fireworks display hosted by trained professionals.

“Fireworks are a wonderful part of the Independence Day tradition but pose a serious threat to public safety,” said Commander Matt Cain. “Fireworks are illegal, unpredictable, and are of immense concern to those with post-traumatic stress disorder, anxiety, and sensory issues. Let’s come together to protect all residents.”

City of Ventura public safety officials encourage families to attend festivities sponsored by local community groups or attend public fireworks show. This year, the City’s Fourth of July Street Fair and Pushem-Pullem Parade returns on July 4 with events happening in Downtown Ventura from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. To learn more, visit CityofVentura.ca.gov/StreetFair.

Additionally, the Ventura Rotary Club will host a fireworks show on July 4 at 9:00 p.m. For more information, visit www.VenturaFireworks.com.

During the Fourth of July holiday weekend, the Ventura Police Department will deploy additional resources to help respond to and enforce reports of illegal fireworks. If you see a neighbor lighting fireworks, call 9-1-1 if the activity is in-progress. If there is no immediate threat, please call the 24/7 non-emergency line at 805-650-8010. Be prepared to provide a location of the activity and a description of those involved.

Anyone found in possession of fireworks, or caught using them, could be fined up to \$1,000 and/or receive a jail term of up to a year.

Ventura Police officials also encourage community members to stay off the road after consuming alcohol, marijuana, or prescription medications.

For more information on staying safe this Fourth of July, visit CityofVentura.ca.gov/Fireworks.

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