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Celebrating Independence Day Safely

Garden Grove, CA – The Fourth of July is approaching, and the fire department would like to remind everyone to take the necessary precautions to ensure a safe and memorable celebration of our nation’s birthday. Only safe and sane fireworks bearing the California State Fire Marshal seal are permitted during the period of July 1 through July 4, 2017 in Garden Grove, and should only be discharged by a capable adult. Any other firework is illegal and dangerous. Anyone caught in possession or discharging illegal fireworks may be subject to a \$1,000 citation. Last year, the Garden Grove Police Department issued 47 \$1,000 citations.

The fire department is prepared for contingencies on the holiday, and will be deploying additional fire fighters and fire investigators on July 4th. “The Fourth of July is a special day for Americans, and we want everyone to have a great and safe time celebrating. The use of legal and illegal fireworks are not only dangerous to users but also to others nearby, including homes and structures,” said fire chief, Tom Schultz. According to a Consumer Product Safety Commission study, an average of 230 people go to the emergency department daily for fireworks-related injuries between June 20th and July 20th. Firework safety tips and regulations for the use of safe and sane fireworks can be found on the department’s website at www.gardengrovefire.org or call the fire department at (714) 741-5600.

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