



WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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Sheriff Pat Garrett**

Media Release

Sheriff's Office Promotes a Safe Fourth of July Holiday

June 29, 2017 – The Washington County Sheriff's Office would like everyone to have a safe and enjoyable Fourth of July holiday.

Every year, sheriff's deputies respond to complaints of holiday gatherings and other celebrations that get out of hand due to intoxication and illegal fireworks. These complaints include injuries, property damage, and neighborhood disturbances. Pets and small children are also affected by loud noises from illegal fireworks, which are often used late into the night. The public should also consider that damage or injury caused by a careless act involving fireworks can bring significant civil liability.

Oregon law bans possession, use, or sale of fireworks that fly, explode, or travel more than six feet on the ground or 12 inches into the air. Fireworks commonly referred to as bottle rockets, roman candles, and firecrackers are illegal in Oregon. Using or possessing illegal fireworks in Oregon is a class C misdemeanor. The Oregon State Fire Marshal's provides information on legal and illegal fireworks.

Illegal Fireworks

These explode, eject balls of fire, fly into the air, or travel more than six feet on the ground or 12 inches into the air.



Illegal Explosive Devices



Fire marshals with Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue (TVF&R) support enforcement by deputies and our agencies will be working closely together over the holiday to promote education and provide enforcement in the community.

Please remember to be safe, legal, and considerate while celebrating Independence Day.