



# WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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Sheriff Pat Garrett

## PRESS RELEASE

### Sheriff's Office Promotes a Safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July Holiday

June 29, 2016—Washington County Sheriff's Office would like everyone to have a safe and enjoyable 4th of July holiday period.

The Washington County Sheriff's Office asks everyone to be safe and considerate when celebrating the 4th of July. In addition to extra patrols focused on impaired drivers, Sheriff's Deputies will be prepared to enforce laws related to illegal fireworks. Using or possessing illegal fireworks in Oregon is a Class C Misdemeanor.

Every year Washington County 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 that 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. Fire danger will be especially high during this unusually dry weather we have been experiencing.

Fire Marshals with Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue (TVF&R) support the Sheriff's Deputies enforcement during the holiday. TVF&R is another agency kept very busy with fire and medical calls on the 4th of July.

### Legal Fireworks

*These produce only smoke, sparks or fire.  
Examples are base fountains, cone fountains, wheels, and ground bloom flowers.*

 Cone Fountain	 Wheel	 Base Fountain	 Sparkler (Wood core)	 Hand-Held California Candle Fountain	 Ground Bloom Flower (Ground Spinners)
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### Unclassified Novelties Items (Not Fireworks)

 Smoke Bomb (Not Big toffee)	 Sparkler (Wire core)	 Snakes	 Pop-its	 Party Poppers
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### 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.*

 Missile Rocket	 Crazy Jack Jumping Jack	 Aerial Spinners, Bees Helicopters	 Mortars	 Firecracker Regular	 Firecracker Small (Lady Finger)
 Sky Rocket (With Stick)	 Bottle Rocket	 Roman Candles (Shoots Balls)			

### Illegal Explosive Devices

 Silver Salute M100	 Cherry Bomb (Red)	 Ash Can M80
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Oregon law bans possession, use, or sale of fireworks that fly, explode, or travel more than 6 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. The Oregon State Fire Marshal's provides information on legal and illegal fireworks (inset and separate attachment).

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