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Fireworks and the 4th of July Festivities

Benicia, CA (June 14, 2019) – As the celebration of Independence Day approaches, the Benicia Fire Department wants to remind everyone about the regulations and dangers associated with the private use of fireworks. The sale and private use of fireworks is banned in the City of Benicia, including fireworks that are generally referred to as “safe and sane.”

Thousands of people are injured each year by fireworks around the 4th of July. Not only do fireworks present a danger by potentially causing physical injuries, they also can cause fires. “With recent wildfires, we are concerned with the potential of fire by the sparks generated from fireworks” Fire Chief Josh Chadwick stated.

For those that are staying in Benicia for the 4th of July, please consider attending the public fireworks display hosted by Benicia Main Street. Schedule of events can be located at their web site: <http://beniciamainstreet.org/benicia-events/annual/> Fireworks can be viewed downtown along the waterfront at the end of First Street. Fireworks will no longer be set off from the barge in the Carquinez Strait, but instead have been moved back to the First Street Pier.

As a final reminder, all fireworks present a hazard and are highly regulated. Have a Happy & Safe 4th of July!!!

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