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Portsmouth Fire Department Issue Fireworks Reminder

(PORTSMOUTH, VA - July 2, 2020) - Happy 4th of July. To ensure the safety of citizens, the Portsmouth Fire Rescue and Emergency Services wants to remind residents that it is illegal for any person, firm, or corporation to use, ignite or explode any fireworks within the city limits. According to a report by the Consumer Product Safety Commission, fireworks were involved in an estimated 9,100 injuries treated in U.S. hospital emergency departments during calendar year 2018.

The **Code of Virginia, section 27-97 states** :

The Fire Prevention Code shall prohibit any person, firm, or corporation from transporting, manufacturing, storing, selling, offering for sale, exposing for sale, or buying, using, **igniting, or exploding any fireworks** except for those persons, firms, or corporations that manufacture, store, market and distribute fireworks for the sole purpose of fireworks displays permitted by an enforcement agency or by any locality.

Visit our social media channels, i.e., Facebook, Nextdoor, Twitter and Instagram for alternative ideas to celebrate the 4th of July.

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