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With Fewer Community Fireworks Displays, Residents Should Be Extra Cautious

Olympia – Throughout Washington State residents have celebrated Independence Day with community events that feature food, music, entertainment, and public fireworks displays. These displays are a safe way to enjoy fireworks, conducted by licensed, trained professionals. However, many community fireworks displays will not be held this year due to social distancing requirements.

The Washington State Fire Marshal's Office (SFMO) recognizes that many residents may choose to purchase and discharge fireworks at home this year.

The SFMO encourages those who choose to celebrate with fireworks at home to purchase only from a licensed and permitted retail stand, discharge them only in areas where legally allowed, follow proper safety recommendations, and to be aware of the current requirements related to COVID-19.

For more information visit <http://www.wsp.wa.gov/fireworks/> or call (360) 596-3929.

The State Fire Marshal's Office is a Bureau of the Washington State Patrol, providing fire and life safety services to the citizens of Washington State including inspections of state licensed facilities, plan review of school construction projects, licensing of fire sprinkler contractors and pyrotechnic operators, training Washington States firefighters, and collecting emergency response data.

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