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**Preliminary Fireworks Incident Data for 2020**

**Olympia** – The Washington State Fire Marshal's Office (SFMO) has received 265 reports of fireworks-related incidents from hospitals, clinics, and fire agencies so far this year. Of the 265 reports received, there were 92 fires and 173 injuries, one of which was a fatality.

**Fires:**

- Resulted in property loss of \$67,790.
- 51 vegetation fires and 9 residential fires.
- 45% were attributable to legal fireworks.
- Most occurred between 6pm and 12am on the Fourth of July.

**Injuries:**

- Included burns, facial injuries, hand injuries, hearing or vision loss.
- 35% were due to being hit by fireworks.
- 32% were due to holding fireworks after lighting them.
- 62% were attributable to legal fireworks.
- 21% were children under the age of 18.
- Most of the injuries occurred between 10pm and 12am on the night of the Fourth of July.
- One fatality occurred in Snohomish County. An investigation by the law enforcement agency determined it was an accidental death resulting from the premature explosion of a mortar-style firework.

For more information about 2020 fireworks incidents, contact the SFMO at (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.