

June 21, 2017

City of Rolla Fire & Rescue

July 4th – Fireworks Safety

This weekend many Rolla Citizens will be celebrating Independence Day. A traditional part of this celebration is the display of fireworks. The City of Rolla Fire & Rescue would like to take this opportunity to remind Rolla Citizens of some safe firework practices and also local ordinance which outlines the use of fireworks within the city limits of Rolla.

In the City of Rolla the following ordinances apply to the sale and display of fireworks.

- 1) Fireworks may be sold in the City of Rolla from June 30, 2017 – July 7, 2017.
- 2) Fireworks may be discharged in the City of Rolla from July 1, 2017 – July 5, 2017.
- 3) The display of fireworks is permitted from 8 a.m. – 11 p.m. on July 1st, July 2nd, July 3rd, and July 5th.
- 4) The display of fireworks is permitted from 8 a.m. – Midnight on July 4th.

Each year the display of fireworks causes injuries. These injuries can be burns, bruising, eye damage, hearing impairment, and even fatalities. We would encourage residents to follow a few guidelines to ensure that they are safe while displaying fireworks.

- 1) Use fireworks outdoors only.
- 2) Always have water nearby. (A hose or bucket).
- 3) Only use fireworks as intended. Don't try to alter them or combine them.
- 4) Use common sense. Spectators should keep a safe distance from the shooter.
- 5) Alcohol and fireworks do not mix. Have a "designated shooter."
- 6) Adult supervision for children is encouraged.

Fireworks must also only be displayed from your property. It is illegal to display fireworks from roadways, public parking lots, and sidewalks.

Fireworks are also not permitted to be displayed from any City of Rolla Park.

Each year the Rolla Lions Club provides the community with an excellent fireworks display, please plan to attend their fireworks displays on July 1st and July 4th at 11 p.m. Current weather conditions are hot and dry therefore increasing the chance for fireworks to start undesired fires. We hope you have a safe and happy July 4th holiday.