



News Release

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JULY SAFETY MESSAGE FROM THE FIRE CHIEF

(SUNRISE, FL)- It's time to celebrate the 4th of July and our nation's independence! Sunrise Fire-Rescue encourages you to celebrate safely by leaving the fireworks to the professionals.

According to the National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA), there are more fires reported on the 4th of July than any other day of the year, and fireworks are directly linked to two out of five of fires reported that day.

Firework related injuries, devastating burns and deaths occur each year due to improper use, handling and lack of adult supervision. Children ages 5 to 14 are at more than twice the risk of the general population for injuries due to fireworks.

Sparklers can burn at a temperature of 1200 degrees Fahrenheit. That's nearly six times as hot as boiling water at 212 degrees Fahrenheit, and is hot enough to cause third-degree burns.

The NFPA reported that more than 80 percent of emergency room firework injuries involve fireworks consumers are permitted to use. Sparklers and small firecrackers account for the highest percentage of injuries out of all consumer fireworks.

With that in mind, we encourage you to attend a professional fireworks display and to avoid consumer fireworks.

Join us at the City of Sunrise 4th of July Celebration at the BB&T Center from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. This free, outdoor event features children's rides and activities, a variety of food and retail vendors, performances by Soul Asylum, and of course, the spectacular fireworks display.

For more information and safety tips, visit the City of Sunrise website at www.sunrisefl.gov. And as always, in the event of an emergency dial 9-1-1 immediately.

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