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MENDOCINO UNIT

Fireworks Are Illegal in Mendocino County

Mendocino County, CA –The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) Mendocino Unit (MEU) Chief, George Gonzalez, is reminding everyone to do their part to have a safe holiday and help prevent wildfires and injuries caused by fireworks.

In Mendocino County, all types of fireworks are illegal and their use is punishable by law. Anyone possessing, transporting or using fireworks in Mendocino County is in violation of the law.

CAL FIRE is reminding the public of the state's zero tolerance regarding the use or sale of illegal fireworks. CAL FIRE is working closely with local law enforcement and firefighting agencies to seize illegal fireworks and prosecute those found in possession of them.

The Fourth of July is synonymous for sun, fun, barbecuing, and fireworks but fireworks are inherently dangerous and can quickly change a safe and happy Fourth of July holiday into a sad and costly one. Children are at the greatest risk of injury.

Any person can be held liable for the fire-fighting costs as well as property damage costs associated with the start of a wildfire. Often, these costs are in the hundreds of thousands and sometimes, millions of dollars.

We here at CAL FIRE MEU wish you and your family a safe and happy Fourth of July and remember that we need your help to prevent unwanted fires. One Less Spark, means One Less Wildfire.

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