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**Subject: Prevent Fires and Injuries - Communities are Encouraged to Watch Public Firework Displays in Orange County**

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**Irvine, CA** – With the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fast approaching, the Orange County Fire Authority is encouraging residents throughout Orange County to attend one of the many spectacular public fireworks displays staged by professionals.

Fireworks of any kind are illegal in Orange County, except in the cities of Buena Park, Costa Mesa, Garden Grove, Santa Ana and Stanton. Those cities allow state-approved fireworks.

“With the small amount of rainfall, the brush areas are very dry,” said Captain Greg McKeown.

“Residents need to realize that fireworks can easily ignite grass and light brush and can start a structure on fire in a flash. Any person who starts a fire from fireworks – even accidentally – can be held liable for the fire-fighting costs and property damage costs.”

Fireworks are actually very dangerous; they burn at very hot temperatures and holding them near your face and hands is extremely hazardous. Children age’s five to nine have the highest injury rate involving fireworks, and sparklers are associated with the most injuries involving children under the age of five. Sparklers can reach a temperature of more than 1,000° F.

Orange County Fire Authority recommends everyone to attend a professional fireworks display. To see a detailed list, visit our website at [www.ocfa.org](http://www.ocfa.org).

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