

ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY

MEDIA ALERT



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Fireworks are Dangerous!

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Each year dozens of people suffer eye injuries, painful and disfiguring burns, and property damage caused by fireworks. These incidents are related to the use of both illegal and state-approved fireworks by amateurs. The Orange County Fire Authority encourages residents throughout Orange County to celebrate the July 4 holiday by attending one of the many spectacular public fireworks displays staged by professionals throughout the county, most of which are free of charge.

As a public service, the Orange County Fire Authority has compiled the attached list of community fireworks displays scheduled for July 4th. Residents are advised to check with their local cities for any cancellations or additions to this list.

Also as a reminder, state-approved fireworks are only legal to sell, buy, possess or use in the cities of **Buena Park, Costa Mesa, Garden Grove, Santa Ana and Stanton**. ALL Fireworks of any kind are **ILLEGAL** in all other cities and the unincorporated areas of Orange County. This includes possession.

Report the use of ANY **ILLEGAL** fireworks immediately to law enforcement or your local fire department.

The Orange County Fire Authority is a joint powers authority that serves as the all-risk emergency response agency for 1.3 million Orange County residents in 22 cities and the unincorporated areas of the county.