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City of Waco Police & Fire Officials Stepping up Enforcement this July 4th Holiday

WACO, TEXAS (June 30, 2020) – With the 4th of July quickly approaching, the Waco Fire and Police Departments would like to remind residents that it is illegal to possess, and discharge fireworks inside the city limits. The illegal use of fireworks is considered a crime and can result in confiscation of fireworks and fines up to $2000.

The City of Waco police and fire officials are stepping up overall enforcement this year and will be watching "known areas" of the town where past reports have been reported.

Fireworks are responsible for approximately 18,500 fires annually and account for more than 12,500 fireworks related injuries. Over half of those injuries involve children which are treated in hospital emergency rooms. Approximately 26% of the children injured are innocent bystanders. Fireworks cause more than $40 million in property loss each year. Also, the sound of fireworks can have a detrimental effect on pets and livestock.

Remember, even if consumer fireworks are legal in your area, they still come with risk. If you light fireworks, keep safety in mind for you, your family and those around you.

Don't forget that shooting a gun in the air is also against the law and is an arrestable offense. It's dangerous as well because what goes up, must come down and you will be responsible for any damages done.

Even though the 4th on the Brazos and HEB Fireworks show has been cancelled, citizens must understand that the city's fireworks ordinance is there to protect lives and property.

To report illegal fireworks call (254) 750-7500.

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