

DALLAS FIRE-RESCUE

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Dallas Fire Officials to Monitor 4th of July Fireworks Activities

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Dallas Fire-Rescue will lead efforts to monitor fireworks related activities this 4th of July. Fire Inspectors will monitor parks for illegal fireworks use at White Rock Lake, Mountain Creek Lake and Crow Lake Park. On July 4th, the Parks Department will be closing Mountain Creek Lake Park at 9:00 p.m. and Crow Lake Park at 8:30 p.m. Guests at both parks will be required to leave at that time. Early closure of the parks has been a significant factor in the decline of the use of illegal fireworks at these locations.

On July 4th, Dallas Police Officers will join Fire Inspectors in patrolling neighborhoods for illegal fireworks use and responding to complaints received through fire and police dispatch centers. Twenty teams will be assigned throughout the city from 6:00 p.m. until 12:00 a.m., responding to calls as they are received.

According to the National Fire Protection Agency, injuries resulting from fireworks injure thousands of people every year with the majority being children and teenagers. The risk of fireworks injury is two and half times higher for children ages 10-14 than the general public.

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FIREWORKS ARE ILLEGAL IN DALLAS

Dallas Fire-Rescue wants to remind everyone that fireworks are illegal in the City of Dallas and up to 5,000 feet outside the city limits. Anyone in possession of, or using, fireworks will have them confiscated and a citation will be issued. Fines can be up to \$2,000.

PERMITTED FIREWORKS SHOWS

Several permitted (private) fireworks displays are scheduled July 4th. Fire personnel will inspect and monitor each location.

LEAVE FIREWORKS TO THE PROFESSIONALS

Media representatives are asked to make interview requests on or before July 1, 2015, as all available officers will be off on July 3rd and July 4th. Those requests may be directed to **Jason Evans, PIO for Dallas Fire-Rescue at 214-670-7949.**

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