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## **Fireworks Prohibited in the City of Riverside**

**Riverside** – The Fourth of July brings celebrations of all types--picnics, BBQ's, gathering of friends and families and of course, fireworks. In years past, most citizens enjoyed fireworks in their front yards, but at what cost? Not only were millions of dollars lost from fighting fires started by fireworks, but many injuries were caused. As a result, fireworks are illegal in the City of Riverside.

Across the nation fireworks cause millions of dollars in damage to property. In addition, based on data from the 2014 Fireworks Annual Report, it is estimated there were over 8,000 injuries from fireworks in the United States in 2013. Sixty percent of fireworks related injuries were serious and treated in hospitals.

The “Safe and Sane” versions are equally dangerous and destructive. Fireworks can easily be purchased in neighboring cities where they are legal. Do not be fooled by retailers that state “Safe and Sane” fireworks are legal within the City of Riverside, they are illegal. As we know, July is the beginning of the hot, dry summer. With the minimal rainfall this past winter, fire season is at its height. Please keep this in mind when you celebrate.

Enjoy the professional fireworks displays on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July at the following locations:

Riverside  
Mount Rubidoux  
Fireworks show at 9:00 p.m.

La Sierra Park  
5215 La Sierra  
Fireworks show at 9:00 p.m.

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