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NEWS RELEASE

The Joplin Police Department encourages everyone to enjoy a safe holiday. These safety tips may prevent you or your loved ones from being injured. The pertinent city ordinances are attached for your convenience.

Fireworks Safety Tips

- Obey your local laws regarding the use of fireworks.
 - Know your fireworks; read the cautionary labels and performance descriptions before igniting.
 - A responsible adult SHOULD supervise all firework activities. Never give fireworks to children.
 - Alcohol and fireworks do not mix. Save your alcohol for after the show.
 - Wear safety glasses when shooting fireworks.
 - Light one firework at a time and then quickly move away.
 - Use fireworks OUTDOORS in a clear area; away from buildings and vehicles.
 - Never relight a "dud" firework. Wait 20 minutes and then soak it in a bucket of water.
 - Always have a bucket of water and charged water hose nearby.
 - Never carry fireworks in your POCKET or shoot them into METAL or GLASS containers.
 - Do not experiment with homemade fireworks.
 - Dispose of spent fireworks by wetting them down and place in a metal trash can away from any building or combustible materials until the next day.
 - Report illegal explosives, like M-80s and quarter sticks, to the fire or police department.
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Notwithstanding the provisions of the 2006 International Fire Code adopted by this division, all persons shall comply in all respects with the provisions of sections 58-65 through 58-67 relative to fireworks and devices of like character.

Sec. 58-65. Possession and use of fireworks generally.

(a) No person shall set off, ignite, discharge, use, or possess for such purpose, 1.4G (formerly known as Class C) or 1.3 G (formerly known as Class B) fireworks which include: any toy cannon, blank cartridge, firecracker, torpedo, pinwheel, pyrotechnic materials, or any explosive material used in fireworks displays or material with substance consisting of chlorate of potash and sulphur, or device for discharging or exploding such objects or substances by concussion or ignition, within the city or any of the city parks, except on July 1, 2, 3 and 4 of each year, and on July 5 when July 4 occurs on Sunday and July 5 is celebrated as the official holiday, between the hours of 12:00 noon and 11:00 p.m. Exceptions: 1.4G party favor devices, such as champagne bottles, poppers, snaps, and confetti pistols.

(b) The exceptions set out in subsection (a) of this section shall not be construed to permit the discharge, use or possession of bottle rockets. No person, at any time, shall set off, ignite, discharge or use, or possess for such purpose, bottle rockets within the city or any of the city parks, except as provided in section 58-67. For the purposes of this section, bottle rockets shall be defined as any device that contains less than one-eighth ounce of chlorate of potash and sulphur with a total body weight of less than one-half ounce and with a body length of less than two inches, including any modifications to such device, with a launching stick attached to the body.

(c) The fire chief or his designee, in the interest of public safety, may issue an order prohibiting discharge of fireworks as described in this section within the city limits of Joplin or on property owned by the city. During the time set forth in such order, it shall be unlawful for any person to discharge fireworks in the area designated in the fire chief's order.

Sec. 58-66. Sale of fireworks.

(a) Permit required; sale near fuel dispensing stations. No person shall sell, offer for sale or give away any of the articles described in section 58-65 without first having secured from the director of finance a fireworks sales permit, the cost of which shall be \$50.00 per calendar year or for any portion thereof. Such permit shall be publicly displayed in a suitable location for inspection at the shop, store or stand in which the articles referred to are for sale. None of such articles shall be sold in any shop, store or stand within 300 feet of any fuel dispensing station. This shall include but is not limited to places of retail or wholesale business engaged in the sale of gasoline, diesel, propane or natural gas.

(b) Days when sales may be made. None of the articles described in section 58-65 shall be sold in any calendar year prior to 12:00 midnight on June 30 or after 12:00 midnight on July 4.

(1) Exceptions: 1.4G favor devices such as champagne bottles, poppers, snaps, and confetti pistols.

(c) Notice of restrictions on possession and use. Any person who shall sell or offer for sale fireworks in the city shall post a notice in at least one location in a publicly conspicuous place at the shop, store or stand in which the articles referred to in section 58-65 are for sale upon such notice form as provided by the director of finance, to read substantially as follows:

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(d) Exceptions. Notwithstanding anything contained in this section to the contrary, it shall be permissible for items of fireworks as defined in RSMo 320.131 to be sold at wholesale or retail by holders of a jobber's permit to nonlicensed buyers from outside of the state at all times during the calendar year.

(e) Sale of bottle rockets. The provisions of this section shall not be construed to permit the sale, offer for sale or giveaway of bottle rockets. No person, at any time, shall sell, offer for sale or give away bottle rockets within the city limits or any of the city parks, except as provided in section 58-67.