MEMORANDUM

Immediate Ban of Fireworks Permits and Use within the Fire District

Due to extreme fire danger, the Superstition Fire & Medical District (SFMD) is restricting the sale and use of fireworks within its boundaries. No permits for public firework sales will be issued when Stage I or higher Fire Restrictions are implemented. Stage I Fire Restrictions are currently implemented and not expected to cease until August 30, 2019. During this same time frame, all public sales and use of fireworks will be strictly prohibited. This ban is effective immediately and will be strictly enforced by the SFMD and local Law Enforcement Agencies. De-Regulated Novelties will be permitted for use during these restrictions.

Prohibited Fireworks include: Firecrackers, Roman Candles, Bottle Rockets, Sky Rockets and Aerials (anything that discharges up in the air), Ground Sparking Devices, Sparking Wheel Devices, Ground Based Sparklers and Chinese Paper Lanterns.

Fireworks that are permissible for use include: Hand-held Sparklers (Morning Glories and Wire Stick Sparklers), Smoke Devices (Smoke Cone, Cylindrical, and Smoke Candles) and Novelties (Snakes, Snappers/Drop Pops and Party Poppers).

The City of Apache Junction 4th of July fireworks celebration will commence as scheduled. This fireworks show is approved through a permit process and is managed by a professionally licensed Pyrotechnic company. The show is conducted in a secured area and has the added protected of assigned Fire District personnel.

The SFMD apologizes to our community members who had planned to utilize fireworks as part of their 4th of July celebration. However, in the interest of public safety, and in recognition of the extreme fire conditions within our community, the inherent danger cannot be ignored.

Thank you for your understanding in this important matter. The SFMD hopes that everyone has a very festive and safe 4th of July holiday!

The SFMD boundaries are displayed on the attached map for reference. For more information regarding the Fire District please visit our website at www.sfmd.az.gov.

Arizona State Fire Restriction may be monitored at https://firerestrictions.us/az.

Mike Farber,
Fire Chief
SPARKLERS AND NOVELTIES LEGAL FOR SALE & USE IN ARIZONA

SPARKLERS

CAUTION: FLAMMABLE
Use only under close adult supervision. For outdoor use only. Do not touch hot wood. Hold in hand with arm extended away from body. Keep burning end or sparks away from clothing or other flammable material. Hold and light one device at a time. After use place wood in water.

DE-REGULATED NOVELTIES

CAUTION: FLAMMABLE
Use only under close adult supervision. For outdoor use only. Do not touch glowing wire. Hold in hand with arm extended away from body. Keep burning end or sparks away from clothing or other flammable material. Hold and light one device at a time. After use place wire in water.

SMOKE DEVICES

CAUTION: FLAMMABLE
Use only under close adult supervision. For outdoor use only. Do not put in mouth. Lay on ground. Light pellet. Do not use near children. Use only for entertainment purposes.

NOVELTIES

CAUTION: FLAMMABLE
Use only under close adult supervision. For outdoor use only. Do not put in mouth. Throw in dishes and against wall. Keep out of reach of children under 8 years of age.

PARTY POPPERS - BOTTLE TYPE

CAUTION: FLAMMABLE
Use only under close adult supervision. Do not point either device towards face or other person. Hold in hand. Place on hard, level surface. Light fuse and get away.

PARTY POPPERS - PISTOL TYPE

CAUTION: FLAMMABLE
Use only under close adult supervision. Do not point either device towards face or other person. Hold in hand. Pull trigger sharply.

MAY NOT HAVE MORE THAN 0.25 GRAMS OF EXPLOSIVE MIXTURE.

PERMITTED “NON-AERIAL” CONSUMER FIREWORKS

GROUND SPARKLING DEVICES

BALL & DISK
Spins on ground. Emits flame and sparks.

CYLINDRICAL
Ground-Move Figures / Cork Groundsparks
Spins on ground. Emits flame and sparks.

SPARKLING WHEEL DEVICES

CAUTION: SPINS ON WHEEL
Emits flame and sparks.

GROUND SPARKLERS - UP TO 500 GRAMS

CONE
California Rocket Shaped Fountain

CAUTION: EMITS SPARKS
Use only under close adult supervision. For outdoor use only. Place upright on ground. Light fuse and get away. Do not hold in hand.

GROUNDER SPARKLERS - EMITS FLAME AND SPARKS

CAUTION: SPINS ON GROUND
Emits flame and sparks.

GROUND SPARKLERS - UP TO 500 GRAMS

May not have more than 500g of explosive mixture.

PROHIBITED “AERIAL” CONSUMER FIREWORKS - ARIZONA

except as part of a Permitted Public Fireworks Display.

SKY ROCKETS / BOTTLE ROCKETS
WARNING Flammable Rocket

FIREFCRACKERS
WARNING Explosive

RELOADABLE SHELL DEVICE / ROMAN CANDLES
WARNING Shoots flaming balls

SINGLE TUBE DEVICE WITH REPORT
WARNING Shoots flaming balls with reports