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The Post Falls Police Department wants to make sure that everyone has a safe and happy Fourth of July this year, and remind you that not all fireworks are legal within the City of Post Falls. It is unlawful to sell, possess or use dangerous fireworks at any time within the City. Some examples of dangerous fireworks are "firecrackers, cherry bombs, skyrockets, bottle rockets, roman candles pyrotechnic displays such as aerial shells or any device that explode either on the ground or in the air". It is also unlawful to use any fireworks including "safe and sane" within the boundaries of any public park or any publicly owned property such as streets, curbs, and sidewalks in the City or School District properties. If you are caught with illegal fireworks, your fireworks will be confiscated and you may be charged with a misdemeanor crime.

Dangerous fireworks are an extreme fire hazard and have been attributed to the cause of roof fires on houses and brush fires. There are a high number of personal injury incidents that occur from fireworks, especially when coupled with alcohol consumption. The Post Falls Police Department will have extra officers out strictly enforcing alcohol offenses and fireworks violations this Fourth of July season to try and make sure the streets are safe for the commuting public going to and from Fourth of July events.

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Post Falls Animal Safety wants to remind you that fireworks tend to frighten household pets. Fireworks tend to make animals become frightened and flee or become agitated and bite. Please take extra steps to make sure your pet is safe and secured prior to lighting off any fireworks. If your pet does flee your home, please contact Post Falls Animal Safety for a list of animals turned into the shelter. We want to remind you that all dogs over 6 months of age are required to be licensed within the City of Post Falls. A licensed dog will have a higher chance of being returned to you much quicker, if turned into the Animal Shelter, than one that is not.

Last year the Post Falls Police Department received 45 complaints of firework related issues from the public on top of and additional 78 calls for other services. Please do your part and follow the rules and have a safe Fourth of July.