

## REMEMBER, ALL FIREWORKS ARE DANGEROUS AND ILLEGAL

The Burbank Police and Fire Departments would like to wish everyone a happy and safe Independence Day. We understand that Covid-19 has altered many plans this year, from travel to social gatherings, and of course, public fireworks shows. Due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, the Starlight Bowl in Burbank has canceled this year's 4th of July celebration and fireworks show in the interest of public health and safety.

With more people spending the holiday weekend at home, we would like to remind the community that the possession or use of any fireworks is against the law in the City of Burbank. Burbank Police, along with Burbank Fire Department personnel will be on the lookout for fireworks throughout the 4th of July holiday period. Anyone caught possessing or lighting fireworks will have them confiscated and be subject to a citation or arrest.

Fireworks, even those marked as 'safe and sane,' are dangerous and pose a fire risk. In recent years, fireworks have been one of the leading causes of injuries requiring hospital emergency room treatment. Fireworks can result in severe burns, fractures, scars, and even death or disfigurement. Serious injuries each year typically harm the eyes, head and/or hands. Violators can also be held liable for the costs associated with an emergency response related to the use of illegal fireworks.

Additionally, Burbank Police want to remind residents that celebratory gunfire is not only dangerous, but illegal. A stray bullet from a gun can kill someone. Shooting a gun into the air is a felony and if you are caught, you will be arrested and prosecuted. If you see someone fire a gun into the air, call the police.

Please celebrate the 4th of July holiday safely and responsibly. Do not fire guns into the air and do not use illegal fireworks.

