

July 3, 2023

The Burbank Police Department would like to wish everyone a happy and safe Fourth of July. We would also like to remind the community that possessing or using any fireworks is illegal in the City of Burbank. We will be on the lookout for fireworks throughout the Fourth of July holiday period. Anyone caught in possession of fireworks will have them confiscated and be subject to a citation or arrest.

Fireworks, even those listed as "safe and sane," are dangerous and against the law in Burbank. 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. Injuries each year typically include harm to the eyes, head, and/or hands.

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

We encourage everyone to enjoy the amazing professional fireworks show hosted by the Burbank Parks and Recreation Department at the Starlight Bowl. For tickets, visit <u>www.StarlightBowl.com</u>.

Finally, we remind the community that drone (UAS) operations are unlawful within the city limits under federal law, with limited exceptions, as well as the <u>Burbank Municipal Code</u>, which makes it illegal to operate drones near fireworks, police and/or fire operations, at night, or over people, among several other restrictions.

Celebrate the Fourth of July holiday safely and responsibly. Please do not fire guns into the air and do not use illegal fireworks.

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