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PRESS RELEASE

Sumner Urges Safe 4th of July

Sumner, WA—The Sumner Police Department and City of Sumner are urging citizens to follow the laws for a safe and celebratory 4th of July weekend:

- Fireworks may be discharged **only on July 4 from noon to midnight**. Please note, this is the first year that these new times are in effect.
- Fireworks may be sold June 28 at noon through July 4 at 9 pm. Stand applications have already been submitted.
- No one under the age of 16 years may possess or discharge any fireworks unless directly supervised by a responsible adult.
- Discharge of fireworks is not allowed on City property including parks and parking lots.
- Discharge of fireworks on someone else's property without the owner's permission is not allowed.
- Discharge only legal fireworks. Full listings are available through East Pierce Fire & Rescue at <http://www.eastpiercefirerescue.org/page.php?id=233> or through Washington State Patrol at <http://www.wsp.wa.gov/fire/fireworks.htm>.
- Always have a water bucket present, never relight "duds," and never alter fireworks.

Violation of these laws is a Class 2 civil infraction, and violators may be fined up to \$257.00 for each violation. Worse than fines, however, is the good chance of damage to property, burns and even life-threatening injuries associated with fireworks. Few people really understand the risk until tragedy happens to them.

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