

The CPSC'S ANNUAL REPORTS  
(or – Oh God, When will they learn?)

You know – after almost 70 years of reporting the same statistic – you should really consider codifying it. The 2015 Annual Fireworks Report is now available to the US Citizens. In it, is the same insanity as years past. They Reported 11 incidents this year as “Fireworks Accidents”, but when you dig into the circumstances behind them – all 11 are outright suicides – 3 placed the mortars, lit, on their heads. 1 Guy held the mortar to his chest, lit the fuse, staggered a few steps backward, and died when it went off. 1 was holding it chest-high. 3 went back, bent over, looked in the tube after a device did not going off. 3 more were building either pipe bombs, or other illegal substances (and by definition not even Fireworks), so 11 of the 11 so-called “Accidents”, were no “Accident” at all. This leaves 0 deaths due to Fireworks – not 11.

Semantics aside, the numbers aren't even that important (sorry – I do realize that these people were all important), that's not what I want to get across. What I want you to think about is that out of the half BILLION or so pounds of this stuff we call Fireworks that we use EACH YEAR in the US alone, that the CPSC feels the need to include incidents like these, just to bolster their wrong-headed clam that somehow “Fireworks are Dangerous”.

Is it news when someone takes a gun, puts it to their head, and pulls the trigger? Sure – for one news cycle. Is that then used by anyone to prove how “Dangerous” guns are? No – of course not. We all know guns have the POTENTIAL to cause death and injury. There is no disputing that. Nor is there any dispute over the fact that Fireworks also carry the same potential. The fact remains – no matter how they distort – stretch the truth – or downright lie to try to support their claims – Fireworks are dead last in the list of the THOUSANDS of Consumer Products they track – and they have been dead last for far longer than the CPSC has been around.

Really folks – I do have a life. It may not be a great one, where I lack for nothing, or have nothing better to do than Jet-Set around the globe or anything, but I get SO tired of reporting the same thing – over and over – year after year. To date, the CPSC has NEVER been able to back up ANY of its claims! They just put this crap out there and the average American Lemming just passes on the Sacred Propaganda. This happens year after year. A very quick test to tell whether or not a Person really knows his stuff is to simply ask them what he/she thinks of Fireworks. If the answer is “They are Dangerous” – move on – there's nothing to see here.

Of the Deaths on this list then 100% are fictionalized “smoke”. They either built “something” illegally, look down the tube to see why whatever it was didn't go off, held a lit mortar over their heads, or held it at, or near their body when it went off. Maybe its just me, but in my opinion – that's no “Accident”. Nor is it the “Fault” of an incorrectly made Firework.

Bottom Line: CPSC – get your #\$\$%^ together and start telling the truth.