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Media Release

June 25, 2015

Description: Fireworks Discharge and Fire Danger
Effected Dates: Noon June 28, 2015 through July 6, 2015
Jointly issued by: West Richland Police Department, and Benton County Fire District #4

Details: With the 4th of July holiday fast approaching the excitement of fireworks will be on the minds of many in our community. With the lawful purchase of fireworks comes the obligation to safely and responsibly discharge these items in a manner which does not pose a fire hazard or injury hazard to bystanders, persons or property. The West Richland Police Department and the Benton County Fire District #4 want to remind residents and guests in our community they must follow safety rules to prevent a potentially hazardous object from becoming an object of destruction. **The current fire danger is EXTREME.** It is critical that safety rules are followed and that those discharging fireworks are able to do so safely and are prepared to respond with water, shovel and dirt should a fire occur.

The following rules govern fireworks in the City of West Richland.

- Consumer fireworks may be purchased from licensed retailers in West Richland from noon June 28, 2015 through noon July 6th, 2015. (WRMC 8.22.020)
- Consumer fireworks may only be discharged on the following dates and times:

July 2nd and July 3rd Between 6:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.

July 4th Between 6:00 p.m. and 12:00 midnight

- Discharge of fireworks on property owned by the City of West Richland is illegal and violators are subject to fine.
- Discharge of fireworks on Richland School District property is prohibited.
- Discharge of fireworks in the public street is prohibited.
- Discharge of fireworks in a reckless manner is illegal and violators are subject to arrest and civil penalty.
- It is unlawful for anyone under the age of sixteen years old to possess fireworks unless under the immediate supervision of an adult 18 years old or older.

Additional Information: Additional information may be found at the website and facebook account listed. Police Officers will look for violations of the municipal code and strictly enforce its provisions.

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