



TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

NEWS RELEASE

SUBJECT: Fireworks Enforcement

DATE/TIME: 07/01/2016

LOCATION: Township Wide

NARRATIVE:

The Township of Ocean Police Department will be strictly enforcing fireworks violations during this 2016 Independence Day holiday weekend. The goal is to create a safe environment for the citizens of the township, as they enjoy this holiday week. It is important that everyone understands the hazards of fireworks, and that it is illegal to possess, use or sell them.

According to New Jersey law under Title 21, sparklers and novelty items such as cigarette loads, trick matches, smoke grenades, toy propellants, snaps, pops, poppers, champagne poppers as well as firecrackers, roman candles and bottle rockets, etc. are all illegal in the State of New Jersey.

Nationally, more than 10,000 people are injured by fireworks each year, with more than 65 percent of those injuries occurring in the month around July 4th according to the Consumer Product Safety Commission. The Township of Ocean Police encourage people to attend professionally organized public fireworks shows that take place in the area and not to use or attempt to use fireworks in any public or private location.

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