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Temple City Announces Crackdown on Illegal Fireworks

Use of illegal fireworks like bottle rockets, M-80s and cherry bombs could result in $1,000-plus fine.

TEMPLE CITY, CA (June 17, 2021)— In an effort to curtail the use of illegal fireworks, the City of Temple City announced the deployment of extra patrols on July 3 and July 4 to locate offenders and issue citations.

On July 3, six deputies from Temple Sheriff's Station and two City public safety officers will conduct suppression operations in marked and unmarked vehicles. On July 4, two additional deputies from Temple Sheriff's Station will join the task force. Enforcement will focus on neighborhoods with historically high reports of illegal firework use.

The City is taking a "zero tolerance" approach to illegal fireworks like bottle rockets, M-80s, cherry bombs and other devices that contain flying mortars. Those caught using such fireworks will be fined between $1,000 and $5,000. Property owners may also be responsible if illegal fireworks are used on their property, or if illegal fireworks are in the possession of others.

Currently, the use of any fireworks in Temple City is illegal. The City does allow (in its jurisdiction) the sale and use of safe-and-sane fireworks—those that don't explode or fly, and are approved by the state's fire marshal. Safe-and-sane fireworks can be legally ignited between noon and 10 p.m. on July 4. Those caught using the fireworks outside this timeframe could be issued a fine upward of $1,000.

City officials ask community members to be aware of the impacts fireworks can have on veterans, pets and their owners, and those affected by loud noises or lights.

To report illegal firework use, call Temple Sheriff's Station dispatch at (626) 285-7171. If possible, please provide the offender's street address. All calls are confidential.

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