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The City of Bristol Reminds the Community About the Use of Fireworks and Staying Safe This Summer



(Bristol, CT: June 16, 2020) Now that the warmer weather is upon us and everyone is spending more time outside, the Bristol Fire and Police Departments would like to remind the community that fireworks are dangerous AND also illegal. It's important to remember that they're prohibited by the State of CT General Statutes, and also by City of Bristol ordinance. In addition to the significant risk of injury and fire, penalties can include fines and imprisonment. While sparklers and fountains

are allowed, we ask that you take care with their storage and disposal. Stay safe this summer, and take care of each other!

"This summer celebrate safely, be a good neighbor, and leave the fireworks to the professionals," stated Lt. Mark Morello of the Bristol Police Department.

"We would like everyone to have a safe and fun 4th of July and summer, while being aware of the dangers and consequences of fireworks," stated Chief Mark Flynn of the Bristol Fire Department.

For more information about fireworks related to the CT General Statutes, please visit:

<https://portal.ct.gov/DESPP/Press-Releases/2006/Fireworks---An-Explanation-of-the-Laws-in-CT>

CT General Statutes 29-350 through 29-370 explain requirements and penalties for fireworks in Connecticut.

A Class A Misdemeanor with penalties of up to 1 year in prison, 2 years of probation, and a maximum of a \$2000.00 fine can be charged for the use of illegal fireworks. Charges include Breach of Peace, Disorderly Conduct, Reckless Endangerment, and Risk of Injury to a Minor.

A Class C Felony with penalties of up to 10 years in prison, 5 years of probation, and up to a \$15,000 fine can be charged if injuries or death result from the illegal use of fireworks. Charges include manslaughter or arson.

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