

# Fire officials urge safety this Fourth of July

Fireworks have long been a tradition in this country to celebrate our independence. Big, bright and colorful, they draw awestruck crowds by the thousands each year to large events. Done by professionals, these shows are a safe way to enjoy the holiday. But each year, thousands of people are injured by backyard fire-

ed in an estimated 60 civilian injuries and \$39 million in direct property damage. There were no reported civilian deaths.

- In 2006, U.S. hospital emergency rooms treated an estimated 9,200 people for fireworks related injuries. 49 percent of the injuries were to the extremities and 46 percent were to the head. 55 percent of the 2006 fireworks injuries were burns, while 30 percent were contusions and lacerations.



works. According to statistics from the National Fire Protection Association, in 2006, U.S. hospital emergency rooms treated over 9,000 people for firework-related injuries. Nearly half of these people were under the age of 15 and their injuries were caused by sparklers and novelty fireworks.

- The risk of fireworks injury was 2½ times as high for children ages 10-14 as for the general population.

- In 2001-2005, an estimated one person per year was killed in reported fires started by fireworks, while six people per year were killed directly by fireworks.

- On Independence Day in a typical year, more U.S. fires are reported than on any other day, and fireworks account for half of those fires, more than any other cause of fires.

EFR urges the public to avoid the use of consumer fireworks and instead, to enjoy displays of fireworks conducted by trained professionals. ■

Consider these facts:

- In 2005, fireworks caused an estimated 1,800 total structure fires and 700 vehicle fires reported to fire departments. These 2,500 fires result-

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*(Permanently installed and available to be deployed easily at anytime)*  
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