

July 4th Preparedness

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What is the law?

- Fireworks are illegal in Fort Worth
- Fireworks shows permitted by the City of Fort Worth are allowed
- Fort Worth City Ordinance states “The possession, manufacture, storage, sale, handling and use of fireworks are prohibited.”
- Up to \$2000 fine



Enforcement Strategies

The response will be varied and dependent on several factors:

- The number of calls received through our Communications and 911 system
- The number of officers available to respond to the calls
- The use of surveillance cameras
- Intelligence including monitoring of social media

The Police Department will have additional resources working on overtime in every patrol division during high suspected illegal fireworks activities

- All calls through Fort Worth Police Communications will be prioritized for a police response

Reporting Illegal Fireworks

To ensure Fort Worth Police Department resources are available to respond to emergencies and high priority calls for service:

- Utilize a Firework Hotline - A specific telephone “hotline” was dedicated to report fireworks

The 4th of July is resource extensive event for public safety agencies due to the number of special events occurring across the city.

In an emergency, citizens have the ability to text to 911 to Fort Worth Police Communications to get assistance.



Be safe this 4th of July
To Report Illegal Fireworks:
reportfireworks.fortworthtexas.gov

Fort Worth
MyFW
Available on
Apple App Store
Google Play

Call 817-392-4444



The poster features a night cityscape with fireworks exploding in the sky. In the bottom left and right corners, there are logos for the Fort Worth Police Department and Fort Worth Fire Department, respectively. A red banner with white stars runs across the bottom of the image.

Fire Department – Resources

- Joint Emergency Operation Center (JEOC) will be operational and fully staffed
- Additional call takers are being added to keep the CAD operational
- Investigation of all injuries and fires associated with fireworks
- Provide messaging about fireworks to media
- Help with staffing the Fireworks “Hotline” with volunteers
- Will be available to receive confiscated fireworks



Education and Outreach

- The Fort Worth Fire and Police Departments spend a considerable amount of time educating the public of the dangers and prohibition of possession, sales, and use of fireworks the 4th of July holiday.
- Both departments utilize their social media platforms as well as one-on-one meetings with apartment complex owners/managers and neighborhoods that have historically known to have heavy illegal fireworks use.
- Additionally, messages about illegal fireworks are sent out through the City of Fort Worth communication channels as well as news media outlets.



Thank you!



Reminder that in Fort Worth
Fireworks are Illegal.

Fireworks can be confiscated or you may be fined.



YOU LIGHT IT. WE WRITE IT.

Help Fort Worth Police Department STOP illegal firework activity.



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A white silhouette of a longhorn's head and horns, positioned below the "FORT WORTH" text.