



Message to our Neighborhood Partners and City Residents:

With the July 4th holiday approaching, the Columbus Division of Fire wishes to ensure that all residents have a fun and safe holiday weekend.

We have heard the voices of the community and neighborhood associations regarding the increase in illegal firework activity over the past several weeks. This holiday weekend, the Columbus Division of Fire once again will have specialized teams who will be working to address these issues.

We would like to remind the public: **The only legal fireworks that may be displayed in Ohio are those that Snake, Smoke, Snap and Sparkle. The use of any explosive fireworks or rockets is illegal throughout the City of Columbus.**

Illegal or improperly used legal fireworks can cause severe injuries, property destruction, or death.

The use of illegal fireworks not only pose a threat to our resident's safety; but the loud noises and sudden flashes of light can be scary and traumatic for individuals suffering from PTSD and our beloved family pets.

Our fire investigator teams will be responding to calls of illegal firework sales and large professional-grade displays that put the safety of our residents at risk. To help protect your health and wellbeing, do not set off illegal fireworks and take safety precautions if using snakes, smokes, snaps or sparklers.

The safety of all of our residents is the Columbus Division of Fire's number one priority. We appreciate your continued support and partnership in helping us identify and address illegal firework concerns.

The Columbus Division of Fire wishes you a safe and fun-filled 4th of July holiday.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jeffrey M. Happ".

Fire Chief Jeff Happ

