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Re: Independence Day Safety Information

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Independence Day is a time when families, friends, and communities gather to enjoy food, friendship, and fun while celebrating our independence with fireworks.

While many choose to put on their own fireworks display, the Hernando County Sheriff's Office recommends either leaving it to the pyrotechnics professionals or maybe finding an alternate way to celebrate the holiday. Whatever you choose to do, please do it safely.

As always, we want to remind those out celebrating, firing celebratory shots into the air is both DANGEROUS and ILLEGAL.

In years past, many people have been seriously injured or killed by falling bullets.

The Hernando County Sheriff's Office maintains a zero-tolerance on all illegal gun use, including celebratory gunfire, especially during the holidays.

If you choose to purchase fireworks, it is your responsibility to ensure they are legally purchased, stored, and ignited.

Citations may be issued to those found to be in violation of the county ordinance pertaining to fireworks. To better understand which fireworks are illegal, please refer to the link (below) to the county ordinance.

https://library.municode.com/fl/hernando_county/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=PTIIC_OOR_CH18LIPEMIBURE_ARTIVFI&fbclid=IwAR3iQZFQNaGc58IPJeL2ltdo2AiJLRDURc7yTE4MWxYl5PLimxWCQNiEq9s

The fine for a first offense is \$50. Additionally, all illegal fireworks may be seized (and destroyed).

Please remember to be respectful of your neighbors, local veterans suffering from PTSD, and any pets in the area.

Please consider attending a professional fireworks display.

Happy Fourth of July!

The Office of Sheriff:

The Office of the Sheriff is established by the Florida Constitution. As a constitutional officer, the Sheriff has the exclusive authority to administer his or her agency and is responsible for preserving the peace throughout the entire county, carrying out the laws of the state, the orders of Florida courts, and the ordinances of the Board of County Commissioners. The Sheriff is the chief law enforcement and correctional officer of the county.

Sheriff Al Nienhuis was initially appointed as the Sheriff of Hernando County by the Governor in January of 2011. He was then elected by the people of Hernando County in 2012, ran unopposed in 2016, and was re-elected in 2020. Sheriff Nienhuis remains accountable to the people of Hernando County.