

Citizens urged to avoid illegal fireworks

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KENOSHA – As the Fourth of July holiday approaches, citizens are urged to stay away from illegal fireworks in the interest of personal and public safety. The City faces drought conditions, and there is a burn ban in place to help prevent accidental fires. The Kenosha Fire Department has had numerous fires in the past from people lighting and shooting off fireworks; and also has responded to fires hours after people have shot them off and put the remnants in a garbage can or garage. One mishap or careless use of a firework can cause damage that cannot be undone.

Kenosha Police Chief Eric Larsen urged citizens to be good neighbors and not disturb people and pets with illegal fireworks.

Instead, enjoy a safe holiday by viewing the Festival Foods Fireworks at the lakefront at 9:30 p.m. on July 4. The Mad Bomber – a professional fireworks company – presents a spectacular 30-minute pyrotechnic display over Lake Michigan, east of the museum campus.

Kenosha Fire Department Fire Prevention Division Chief Safety Chief Guy Santelli stated: “Fireworks are dangerous and have devastating effects if not left to the professionals. It is not only illegal, it is unsafe. The only fireworks that are allowed – per state regulations – are sparklers, snaps and poppers. Anything that leaves the ground and explodes, produces

sparks or embers from the ground is illegal and should not be used.”