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Department of Forestry and Fire Protection
Law Enforcement/Arson-Bomb
Fireworks Program



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TO: All Public Display Licensees

REVISED PUBLIC DISPLAY PERMIT PROCESS

The Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) would like to reiterate that the Health and Safety Code §12643 requires applications for permits for a public display shall be made in writing **at least 10 days** prior to the proposed public display. Applications shall be submitted to the authority having jurisdiction (AHJ) in a timely manner in order to insure allocation of resources, as well as to allow adequate time to address any changes that may be required.

With regards to a public display on state property or in an area where the OSFM is responsible, the OSFM is revising the policy on where to send your paper work. Effectively immediately, send all of your paper work to:

CAL FIRE-OSFM
P.O. Box 997446
Sacramento, CA. 95899-7446
Attention: Yevonne Costa

Once your paperwork has been processed in Sacramento, it will be routed to the appropriate OSFM field office.

Any permit applications that are not received in this office within the 10-day period will be **subject to denial**. If a permit is late because of extenuating circumstances, you will need prior approval from the Fire Works Program coordinator in the Law Enforcement Arson and Bomb Unit prior to submittal of any late permit application.

Also, as a reminder, per Health & Safety Code §12650, when a permit for the public display of fireworks is granted by the AHJ, the sale, possession, transportation, and use of fireworks for the public display is lawful for that purpose only. The permit to hold a public display shall authorize the transportation of public display fireworks between the approved routes, as specified in §12651, and the public display site. §12652 states, "When traveling between the approved routes, as specified in §12651, and the point of destination, the licensee shall possess a transportation permit from the local AHJ over the boundaries in which the off-route travel occurs."

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When submitting your permit application, please use the most current form that is located on our web site, <http://osfm.fire.ca.gov/pdf/fireengineering/fw/StatePermit.pdf>. You should discard all previously issued applications and distribute this to your respective office(s). If you would like a form emailed to you, please contact Yevonne.costa@fire.ca.gov or call her at (916) 445-8373.

We appreciate your continued effort in your timely submission of these permits. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Tom Hoffman, Chief
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