

## SULTAN CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

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ITEM NO: D-3  
DATE: March 26, 2009  
SUBJECT: Fireworks Ban  
CONTACT PERSON: Deborah Knight, City Administrator

### ISSUE:

The issue before the City Council is a discussion of the sale and discharge of fireworks.

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

1. Discuss the sale and discharge of fireworks.
2. Subject to the limitations imposed by chapter 70.77 RCW, consider the following policy alternatives:
  - Allow the sale and discharge of common fireworks as defined by RCW
  - Restrict the dates of sale, purchase, possession and use of fireworks
  - Restrict the types of fireworks that may be sold and purchased within the city limits.
  - Ban fireworks with exceptions for permitted or city sanctioned use (e.g. pyrotechnic displays for religious and private organizations)
3. Provide direction to staff

### SUMMARY:

The City Council discussed the issue of banning the sale and discharge of fireworks following Fourth of July festivities last year. The Council directed staff to bring back the issue for discussion in 2009.

Sultan Municipal Code (SMC) Chapter 8.06 Use of Fireworks (Attachment A) already bans fireworks except through public displays authorized by the City:

SMC 8.06.010 Use of Fireworks. *“No persons shall use, ignite or discharge any fireworks except between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. on July 4th for the 1992 calendar year.”*

Regardless of whether the city already bans the use of fireworks (sale of fireworks within the city limits appears to be allowed), staff needs policy direction on the Council's intent in order to proceed.

#### BACKGROUND:

The following information is summarized from the Municipal Research and State Fire Marshall websites.<sup>1</sup>

#### Local Authority

Subject to the limitations imposed by chapter 70.77 RCW, a city or county may ban fireworks; or a city or county may restrict the dates of sale, purchase, possession and use of fireworks; or a city or county may restrict the types of fireworks that may be sold and purchased within its boundaries.

Counties and cities can be more restrictive than state restrictions and can even ban all sale and discharge of fireworks, but they cannot be more liberal. The state supreme court held in *Brown v. Yakima*<sup>2</sup>, that the state fireworks law does not prevent a local government from enacting an ordinance more restrictive than state law.

**Any local rules that are more restrictive may be effective no sooner than one year from their adoption. RCW 70.77.250(4).**

**The state preempts the authority of local jurisdictions with respect to the retail sale and associated storage of common fireworks from temporary structures.**

#### About Fireworks Regulations in Washington

Fireworks regulation is largely governed by the state fireworks law, Chapter 70.77 RCW and the administrative regulations adopted by the Washington State Patrol, Chapter 212-17 WAC.

RCW 70.77.250(1) provides that "the chief of the Washington state patrol, through the director of fire protection, shall enforce and administer this chapter."

Additionally, though federal law does not directly cover local use of fireworks, the Washington statutes defining various classifications of fireworks incorporate classifications adopted by the United States Department of Explosives.

In short, this is an area where local governments need to be careful concerning what they can and cannot regulate.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.mrsc.org/Subjects/PubSafe/firewk.aspx> and <http://www.wsp.wa.gov/fire/fwlicense.htm>

<sup>2</sup> 116 Wn.2d 556 (1991),



## Dates and Times Fireworks May Be Sold or Discharged

State law (RCW 70.77.395) sets the allowable times for sale or discharge of fireworks. Fireworks may be **sold and purchased**:

- (1) from noon to 11 p.m. on June 28
- (2) from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. on June 29 through July 4
- (3) from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on July 5
- (4) from noon to 11 p.m. on December 27 through December 31.

Fireworks may be **used and discharged**:

- (1) from noon to 11 p.m. on June 28
- (2) from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. on June 29 through July 3
- (3) from 9 a.m. to midnight on July 4
- (4) from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. on July 5
- (5) from 6 p.m. on December 31 to 1 a.m. on January 1

## State Licenses and Local Government Permits

Any individual or company wanting to manufacture, import or sell fireworks, or make a public display of fireworks, needs a state license and a permit from the appropriate local government jurisdiction (city or county) where the action is to take place. See RCW 70.77.255 and 70.77.315.

There are bonding and insurance requirements for any individual or company putting on a public fireworks display - see RCW 70.77.355. There are also insurance requirements for retail fireworks stands - see RCW 70.77.270(3).

## Retail Stands for Sale of Fireworks

The state regulates temporary or permanent structures where fireworks are sold or stored:

WAC 212-17-21505 - The state of Washington fully regulates the construction and use of temporary and permanent structures for the retail sale and storage of fireworks including the location of and areas surrounding structures and the operation of and cleanup after use of pursuant to RCW 70.77.270.

The state preempts the authority of local jurisdictions with respect to the retail sale and associated storage of common fireworks from temporary structures.

If a city or county allows the sale of fireworks classified as common fireworks from temporary structures these rules preempt that city's or that county's authority to enact or enforce any other regulations. There are state regulations dealing with the siting and setbacks required of retail fireworks stands - see RCW 70.77.270.

#### DISCUSSION:

The primary reason city's choose to regulate fireworks are the safety concerns related to the discharge of fireworks. Sample regulations from other cities are provided in Attachment B.

There were 1,059 firework-related injuries and/or fires reported to the Office State Fire Marshal in 2007 by fire departments and hospital emergency rooms. This was a 6% increase from the previous year's total of 1001. Of the 1059 reports received, there were 899 fires and 160 injuries. These incidents resulted in \$21.5 million in property loss.

This data was collected on paper reports from individual fire departments and hospitals and was supplemented by the National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) database.

Fireworks-related incidents most often occur on July 4th. This has remained constant over the past eight years (Attachment C).

The Sultan City Council discussed additional issues related to fireworks use including air quality - which impacts members of the community with asthma especially the very young and very old; and litter left on city streets following the discharge of fireworks.

#### FISCAL IMPACT:

If the Council chooses to ban the sale and discharge of fireworks there could be a very negligible impact on sales tax revenues. The City of Sultan typically has one fireworks stand during the allowed times through the Fourth of July.

#### RECOMMENDED ACTION:

1. Discuss the sale and discharge of fireworks.
2. Subject to the limitations imposed by chapter 70.77 RCW, consider the following policy alternatives:
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3. Provide direction to staff

ATTACHMENT(S):

A – Chapter 8.06 Use of Fireworks

B – Sample ordinances Stanwood and Lake Stevens

C – 2007 Fireworks Report - State Fire Marshall

**Chapter 8.06  
USE OF FIREWORKS**

Sections:

[8.06.010](#) Use of fireworks.

[8.06.020](#) Violation – Penalty.

[8.06.030](#) Severability.

**8.06.010 Use of fireworks.**

No persons shall use, ignite or discharge any fireworks except between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. on July 4th for the 1992 calendar year. Exception may be made for public displays authorized by the city pursuant to the state fireworks law (Chapter 70.77 RCW). (Ord. 582 § 1, 1992)

**8.06.020 Violation – Penalty.**

Any person violating any of the provisions of this chapter, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon a conviction thereof, shall be fined in a sum not to exceed \$250.00. (Ord. 582 § 1, 1992)

**8.06.030 Severability.**

This chapter is severable and if any portion of it shall be declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining portion shall remain valid and enforceable. (Ord. 582 § 1, 1992)

## Attachment B

### City of Stanwood

#### Chapter 5.04

#### **FIREWORKS**

##### Sections:

- [5.04.010](#) Purpose.
- [5.04.020](#) State law adopted.
- [5.04.030](#) Public display license.
- [5.04.050](#) License – Required.
- [5.04.060](#) Sale date, hours.
- [5.04.070](#) License – Issuance prerequisite.
- [5.04.080](#) License – Application – Insurance required.
- [5.04.090](#) License – Renewal – Preference.
- [5.04.100](#) License – Number.
- [5.04.110](#) Stands – Operation.
- [5.04.120](#) Stands – Temporary.
- [5.04.130](#) Penalties for violations.

##### 5.04.010 Purpose.

It is the intent of this chapter to provide a procedure for the granting of licenses, and the possession, sale and discharge of **fireworks**. (Ord. 636 § 1, 1984; Ord. 243 § 1, 1963).

##### 5.04.020 State law adopted.

Chapter 70.77 RCW pertaining to **fireworks** is adopted by this chapter by reference as though stated in its entirety in this chapter. (Ord. 636 § 2, 1984; Ord. 243 § 2, 1963).

##### 5.04.030 Public display license.

A license for a public display of **fireworks** may be issued by the city council if and when they deem it advisable. (Ord. 636 § 3, 1984; Ord. 243 § 3, 1963).

##### 5.04.050 License – Required.

It is unlawful for any person, firm, copartnership or corporation to engage in the retail sale of **fireworks** within the city without first having obtained a license from the clerk-treasurer. The annual fee to be charged for the issuance of any such retail license shall be \$10.00, which fee shall cover but one retail sales outlet. (Ord. 243 § 5, 1963).

##### 5.04.060 Sale date, hours.

It is unlawful for any person, firm, copartnership or corporation to offer for retail sale, expose for retail sale, sell at retail or use any **fireworks** within the city, except from 12:00 noon on June 28th to 12:00 noon on July 5th of each year. (Ord. 243 § 6, 1963).

#### 5.04.070 License – Issuance prerequisite.

The fireworks license shall be issued only to such applicants who meet the following qualifications:

(1) Nonprofit, charitable, religious or eleemosynary corporations, organized and existing primarily for veteran, patriotic, religious, charitable or civic betterment purposes; and

(2) The corporation or association has its principal and permanent meeting place in the city, and has been organized and established in the city for a period of at least one year prior to the date application is made for a fireworks license. (Ord. 243 § 7, 1963).

#### 5.04.080 License – Application – Insurance required.

Application for a license:

(1) Shall be made in writing accompanied by a license fee of \$25.00;

(2) Shall be made on or prior to the third Monday in April of each year. Applicants for any such license shall be notified by the clerk-treasurer of the granting or rejection of their application for license on or before the first Monday in May of each calendar year; and, if any applicants are not granted a license, the fee shall be refunded;

(3) Shall set forth the proposed location of the fireworks stand applied for; and

(4) Shall be accompanied by an assurance that if the license is issued to applicant, applicant shall, at the time of receipt of such license, deliver to the clerk-treasurer \$50,000 to \$100,000 public liability, and \$5,000 property damage insurance policy, with rider attached to the policy designating the city as an additional assured thereunder. (Ord. 554 § 3(d), 1980; Ord. 243 § 8, 1963).

#### 5.04.090 License – Renewal – Preference.

Applicants for renewal of license shall be given preference over applicants for license by persons not previously licensed, provided that if the holder of the license fails to make application for renewal by the third Monday in April, the preference shall be forfeited. (Ord. 243 § 9, 1963).

#### 5.04.100 License – Number.

No one organization may receive more than one license for fireworks sales during any one calendar year. The maximum number of licenses which may be issued pursuant to this chapter during any one calendar year shall not exceed one license for each 1,500 residents of the city, or fraction thereof, according to the last official census. (Ord. 243 § 10, 1963).

#### 5.04.110 Stands – Operation.

No person other than the licensee organization shall operate the stand for which the license is issued, or share or otherwise participate in the benefits of the operation of such stand. (Ord. 243 § 11, 1963).

#### 5.04.120 Stands – Temporary.

All retail sales of “safe and sane” fireworks shall be permitted only from within a temporary fireworks stand, and the sale from any other building or structure is prohibited. Temporary stands shall be subject to the following provisions:

(1) No fireworks stand shall be located within 25 feet of any other building, nor within 50 feet of any gasoline station;

(2) Fireworks stands need not comply with the provisions of the building code of the city; provided however, that all stands shall be erected under the supervision of the fire chief, who shall require that those stands be constructed in a manner and place which shall insure the safety of attendants and patrons. Approved fire extinguishers shall be maintained at stands at all times;

(3) Each stand must have at least two exits;

(4) No fireworks stand shall be located closer than 600 feet to another fireworks stand;

(5) All weeds and combustible material shall be cleared from the location of the stand, including a distance of at least 20 feet surrounding the stand;

(6) “No smoking” signs shall be prominently displayed on the fireworks stand;

(7) Each stand shall be operated by adults only. No fireworks shall be left unattended in a stand;

(8) All unsold stock, accompanying litter, and the fireworks stand shall be removed from the location and the city by 12:00 noon on July 6th of each year. (Ord. 243 § 12, 1963).

#### 5.04.130 Penalties for violations.

Violation of this chapter shall constitute a Class A infraction as defined in SMC [13.01.045](#)(1) and subject the violator to enforcement as set forth therein. (Ord. 1112 § 2, 2001).

## City of Lake Stevens

### Chapter 9.64 FIREWORKS

#### Section:

- [9.64.005](#) Definitions
- [9.64.010](#) Limiting the Sales of **Fireworks** *(effective until May 11, 2009)*
- [9.64.010](#) Limiting the Sales of **Fireworks** *(effective on May 12, 2009)*
- [9.64.020](#) Limiting the Discharge of **Fireworks** *(effective until May 11, 2009)*
- [9.64.020](#) Limiting the Discharge of **Fireworks** *(effective on May 12, 2009)*
- [9.64.030](#) Public Display of **Fireworks**
- [9.64.040](#) Violation and Penalty *(effective on May 12, 2009)*

#### 9.64.005 Definitions.

Consumer **Fireworks**. Any small device designed to produce visible effects by combustion and which must comply with the construction, chemical composition, and labeling regulations of the United States consumer product safety commission, as set forth in 16 C.F.R. parts 1500 and 1507 and including some small devices designed to produce audible effects, such as whistling devices, ground devices containing 50 mg or less of explosive materials, and aerial devices containing 130 mg or less of explosive materials and classified as **fireworks** UN0336 by the United States Department of Transportation at 49 C.F.R. Sec. 172.101. (Ord. 665, Sec. 1, 2002)

#### 9.64.010 Limiting the Sales of **Fireworks** (effective until May 11, 2009).

(a) The sale of consumer **fireworks** is prohibited within the City of Lake Stevens except on the dates and times for each year as follows:

- (1) For the Fourth of July:
  - (i) June 28: 12:00 noon to 11:00 p.m.
  - (ii) June 29 – July 4: 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.
  - (iii) July 5: 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- (2) For New Year's Eve:
  - (i) December 27 – December 31: 12:00 noon to 11:00 p.m.

(b) Separate **fireworks** stand permits are required for the Fourth of July and for New Year's Eve sales. **Fireworks** stand permits are issued in accordance with the requirements of Title 14 (Land Use Code).

(c) The operator of a **fireworks** stand shall provide a flyer to all purchasers of **fireworks** which identifies the dates and times in which discharge of **fireworks** is allowed within the City of Lake Stevens. The Police Department will develop the flyer, which will be attached to all land use permits issued for **fireworks** stands. The operator shall be responsible for reproducing and distributing the flyer to purchasers. (Ord. 665, Sec. 2, 2002; Ord. 485, 1995)

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  - (3) July 4: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 midnight.
  - (4) July 5: 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

(b) For New Year's Eve:

(1) From 6:00 p.m. December 31st until 1:00 a.m. January 1st of the subsequent year.

(c) Religious and private organizations may use consumer fireworks at other dates and times during the year, provided the requirements of RCW [70.77.311](#)(2) are met. (Ord. 665, Sec. 2, 2002; Ord. 552, 1997)

#### 9.64.020 Limiting the Discharge of Fireworks (effective on May 12, 2009).

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#### 9.64.030 Public Display of Fireworks.

(a) Permit Required. No public display of fireworks made pursuant to Chapter [70.77](#) RCW may be made without first obtaining the necessary State license(s) and permit(s) from the City of Lake Stevens.

(b) The fee for a public display permit shall be set by Council resolution.

(c) Issuance - Nontransferable - Voiding. Each public display permit issued pursuant to this chapter shall be valid only for the specific authorized public display event only, shall be used only by the designated permittee, and shall be nontransferable. Any transfer or unauthorized use of a permit is a violation of this

chapter and shall void the permit in addition to all other sanctions that may be provided by the City Code. (Ord. 665, Sec. 3, 2002)

9.64.040 Violation and Penalty (effective on *May 12, 2009*).

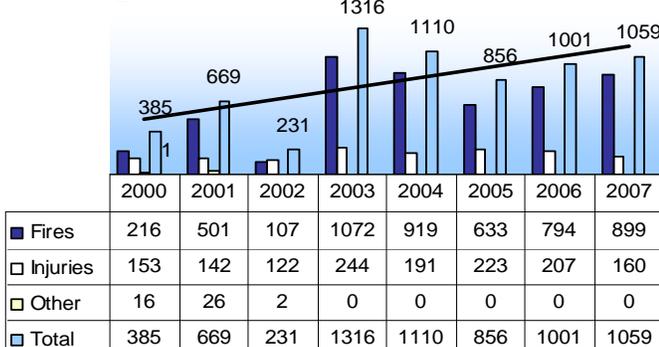
Unless otherwise provided, any person convicted of violating the provisions of this chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine not to exceed \$1,000 or by imprisonment in jail for a term not to exceed 90 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment. (Ord. 774, Sec. 3, 2008)

# 2007 Fireworks Report

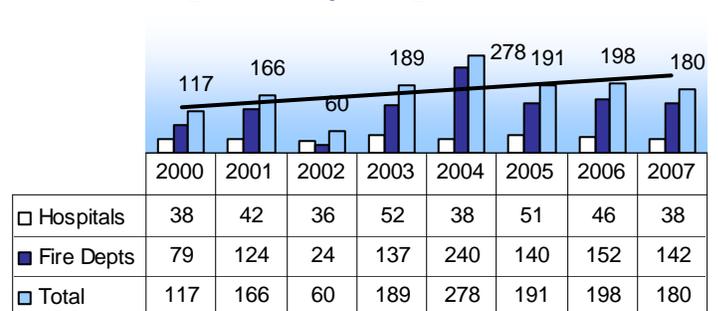
*Mission: To implement a comprehensive and effective educational and enforcement program for fireworks injury prevention and fire safety.*

There were 1,059 firework-related injuries and/or fires reported to the Office State Fire Marshal in 2007 by fire departments and hospital emergency rooms. This is a 6% increase from the previous year's total of 1001. Of the 1059 reports received, there were 899 fires and 160 injuries. These incidents resulted in \$21.5 million in property loss. This data was collected on paper reports from individual fire departments and hospitals and is supplemented by the National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) database. Fireworks-related incidents most often occur on July 4th. This has remained constant over the past eight years.

**Eight-Year Trend**



**Agencies Reporting**



## The Cost of Illegal Fireworks

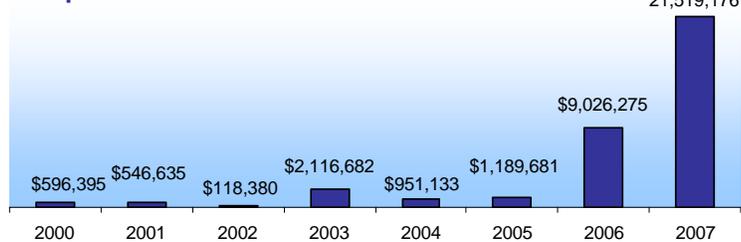
The dollar loss from fireworks-related incidents sharply increased over the past three years. In 2005, the dollar loss from fireworks was \$1.2 million. In 2006, the cost increased to \$9 million, and in 2007 the dollar loss increased to over \$21.5 million.

Twenty million dollars of this loss was from a single incident at the Whitley Fuel Depot in Spokane on July 23, 2007. Bottle rockets, illegal in Washington State, are suspected as the source of ignition.

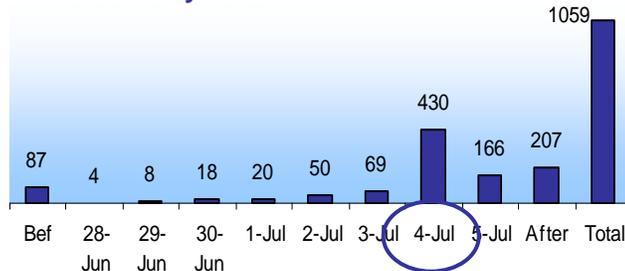
A recent study determined that people in Washington State are aware of the law; however, many choose to disregard it by discharging illegal devices, setting them off in prohibited areas or setting them off outside the legal discharge dates. The Fireworks Public Education Committee is recommending that communities organize combined education and enforcement campaigns to persuade residents to follow the law.



Reported Dollar Loss from Fires



Incidents by Date



In 2007, fireworks-related fires caused an estimated loss of \$21,519,176. Based on the reports received, illegal fireworks were identified as the cause in 48% of the fires and caused 94% of the estimated dollar loss. Legal fireworks were identified in 16% of the reported fires and accounted for 3% of the total loss. The type of fireworks was not identified by the reporting fire department in 63% of the fire incidents (Table #1).

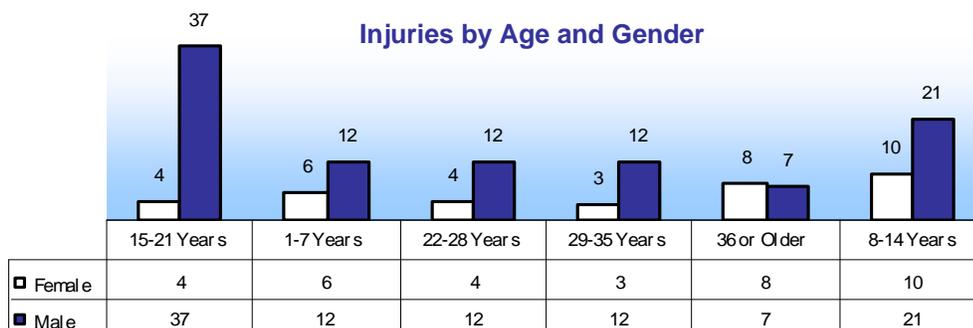
Table #1  
Fires by Classification of Fireworks Device

Property Type	Dollar Loss				Number of Fires			
	Illegal	Legal	Unknown	Total	Illegal	Legal	Unknown	Total
Wildland/Vegetation	\$ 14,251	\$ 1,825	\$ 3,200	\$ 19,276	77	71	282	430
Residential	\$ 123,700	\$ 575,000	\$ 270,100	\$ 968,800	16	7	28	51
Commercial	\$ 20,013,750	\$ 750	\$ 500,000	\$ 20,514,500	10	4	24	38
School	\$ -	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ 100	1	1	6	8
Vehicle	\$ 11,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,500	\$ 16,500	8	4	19	31
Unknown/Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	75	58	208	341
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 20,162,701</b>	<b>\$580,675</b>	<b>\$ 775,800</b>	<b>\$ 21,519,176</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>567</b>	<b>899</b>

A single commercial fire at the Whitley Fuel Depot caused \$20 million in damage which accounted for 93% of the total loss in 2007. Residential fires accounted for 5% with a total loss of \$968,800. School, wildland fires and vehicles fires each accounted for less than one percent of the total. (Table #1).

Fireworks-related injuries by age and gender show that male youth and young adults are most often injured. There was no adult supervision in 42% of the incidents where supervision was known and children were involved. According to the Center for Disease Control, children are 11 times more likely to be injured by fireworks if they are unsupervised.<sup>1</sup>

Injuries by Age and Gender



The type of injury caused most often was burns at 57%. The second leading injury was trauma at 21%. (Table #2).

Type of Injury					Injury Location				
Type of Injury	Illegal	Legal	Unknown	Total	Place Injured	Illegal	Legal	Unknown	Total
					Arm	2	5	4	11
Amputation	2	1	0	3	Hand	34	19	7	60
First Degree Burn	14	9	6	29	Head or Face	15	16	13	44
Second Degree Burn	15	28	9	52	Leg or Foot	5	4	2	11
Third Degree Burn	5	3	3	11	Multiple Locations	8	3	3	14
Trauma	24	6	4	34	Torso	5	7	3	15
Unknown/Other	11	8	12	31	Unknown	0	0	5	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>160</b>

Table #3 shows the types of fireworks devices involved in injury incidents. Illegal fireworks were involved in 70 injury incidents, or 43%, and legal fireworks were responsible for 58 incidents, or 34%.

Of the 58 incidents involving legal devices, multi-aerials caused 28%, followed by sparklers at 17% and third are roman candles at 12% of the incidents.

Illegal devices causing injuries include firecrackers at 23%, bottle rockets at 17%, and public display mortars at 19%. In 2007 there were 12 sparkler bomb incidents. One person was airlifted to Harborview after a sparkler bomb went off prematurely. Fire service personnel should be aware that sparkler bombs are illegal explosive devices and should only be handled by the bomb squad.

As shown in Table #4, the leading cause of fireworks-related injuries is "Holding" at 41 incidents, followed by "Leaning" at 15 incidents and "Tampering" with 13 incidents.

Type of Device	Illegal	Legal	Unknown	Total
Altered Fireworks	3	0	0	3
Bottle Rockets	12	0	0	12
Cones and Fountains	0	4	0	4
Firecrackers and Chasers	16	0	0	16
Ground Spinners	1	6	0	7
Helicopters	0	2	0	2
Homemade Explosive Devices	10	0	0	10
M-80's	3	0	0	3
Missiles and Rockets	9	0	0	9
Multi Aerials	2	16	0	18
Novelties	0	8	0	8
Public Display Mortars	13	0	1	14
Roman Candles	0	7	0	7
Smoke Items	0	1	0	1
Sparklers	0	10	0	10
Unknown	1	4	31	36
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>160</b>

Holding Fireworks	41
Leaning Over	15
Tampering	13
Throwing Fireworks	12
Unsafe Surface	6
Delayed Ignition	5
Other	68
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>160</b>

The chart below provides a summary of the reports received in 2007 by county and agency type.

County	Fire Department			Fire District			Hospital		Grand Total
	Fire	Injury	Total	Fire	Injury	Total	Injury	Total	
Adams	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	2
Asotin	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	2
Benton	11	0	11	1	0	1	2	2	14
Chelan	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	3
Clallam	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
Clark	26	0	26	21	0	21	5	5	52
Columbia	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	2
Cowlitz	5	0	5	13	0	13	4	4	22
Douglas	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	2
Ferry	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1
Franklin	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Grant	4	0	4	5	0	5	6	6	15
Grays Harbor	14	0	14	10	0	10	4	4	28
Island	5	0	5	4	0	4	1	1	10
Jefferson	0	0	0	2	0	2	1	1	3
King	202	3	205	94	2	96	24	24	325
Kitsap	19	0	19	28	1	29	9	9	57
Kittitas	3	0	3	3	0	3	0	0	6
Klickitat	1	0	1	2	0	2	0	0	3
Lewis	2	0	2	4	0	4	9	9	15
Mason	0	0	0	4	0	4	5	5	9
Okanogan	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
Pacific	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
Pend Oreille	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	2
Pierce	42	1	43	44	1	45	9	9	97
San Juan	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1
Skagit	10	0	10	26	0	26	7	7	43
Skamania	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1
Snohomish	60	2	62	49	2	51	30	30	143
Spokane	25	2	27	17	0	17	3	3	47
Stevens	1	0	1	8	0	8	2	2	11
Thurston	10	0	10	17	1	18	0	0	28
Wahkiakum	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1
Walla Walla	5	0	5	2	0	2	3	3	10
Whatcom	1	0	1	11	1	12	14	14	27
Yakima	24	0	24	39	0	39	3	3	66
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>482</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>417</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>1059</b>

A great way to enjoy fireworks is to attend a public display produced by trained professionals. Their shows are spectacular and safe. There are over 100 professional displays on July 4 in Washington State, and many other Independence Day activities. For more information about fireworks safety, public fireworks displays and the fireworks laws for your area, check the Celebrate Safely website at <http://www.wsp.wa.gov/fireworks/default.htm>

<sup>1</sup> Center for Disease Control, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, Fireworks-Related Injuries, April 4, 2006, <http://www.cdc.gov/ncipc/factsheets/fworks.htm>.

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Honorable Mayor Eslick and Members of the City Council;

I'd like this letter read into the minutes of this meeting.

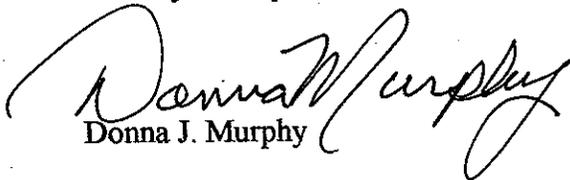
On your agenda this evening you're going to be discussing the possibility of banning fireworks in the City of Sultan on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. I am writing to urge you to move this to Action Items and approve banning fireworks in Sultan.

I feel like I live in a "War Zone" on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, surrounded by neighborhoods who spend thousands of dollars on high powered fireworks. Eagle Ridge is right above me, Walnut Drive is directly South of my home, and Junction Lane is Directly North. These neighborhoods take pride in blasting the town for most of the evening and the smoke around my house is unbelievable. I can't sleep and it's especially hard when the 4<sup>th</sup> of July is during the week when I need to go to work the next morning.

There are other citizens who feel the same. I'm encouraging others to express their opinions to you regarding the proposed ban.

Please take this seriously, as Gold Bar and Index have banned fireworks in their City limits.

Thank you for your consideration,

  
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