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# **San Diego Fire-Rescue Bomb Squad Demonstrates the Dangers of Fireworks**

## **ALL PERSONAL USE FIREWORKS ILLEGAL THROUGHOUT SAN DIEGO**

San Diego – The City of San Diego Fire-Rescue Department's (SDFD) Bomb Squad will detonate fireworks in a controlled environment to show how powerful and dangerous these seemingly non-threatening explosives can be. Fireworks are illegal in the city and county of San Diego except for permitted special events displays. Each year around the Independence Day holiday, people are injured, sometimes very seriously, because of fireworks. In addition to the threat of injury, they are a fire hazard.

**“The Fourth of July holiday is for celebrations and fun,” said SDFD Chief Colin Stowell. “Our goal is to educate members of our community to the dangers of fireworks. This demonstration shows how powerful even small fireworks can be.”**

Along with fireworks, barbecues and fire pits are a frequent cause of serious injuries. Representatives from the Burn Institute will be available to share safety information for those who will barbecue or take part in bonfires at beaches.

- WHAT:** Controlled detonation of illegal fireworks
- WHO:** Doug Perry, Deputy Chief and Fire Marshal, SDFD  
Jeff Ring, Captain, SDFD  
Susan Day, Executive Director, Burn Institute
- WHEN:** Monday, July 1, 2019, 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.  
Two identical demonstrations are scheduled to accommodate media
- WHERE:** San Diego Fire-Rescue Training Facility  
McCain and Spruance Roads  
H Barracks area (see map)  
San Diego, CA 92101

**VISUALS:**      Fireworks will be detonated in a controlled environment  
                 Display board of fireworks  
                 Interviews with SDFD fire marshal and Bomb Squad members  
                 Interviews with Burn Institute Executive Director, Susan Day

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