

City of Bristol Tennessee

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Fireworks Illegal in City

Safety First

It's the season for backyard barbeques, cold drinks, apple pie and maybe a game of badminton but not fireworks. Fireworks are not only dangerous but illegal in the city limits of Bristol, Tennessee. Everyone wants to have a good time on July 4th and there are lots of things to do in order to achieve that goal. There is a parade in downtown Bristol, a baseball game, concerts and lots of other activities throughout the area that is providing opportunities for the family to enjoy this holiday weekend.

The City of Bristol Tennessee Police Department will be out this weekend to enforce the ban on fireworks within the city and to insure the safety of its citizens. Captain Tom McDaniel of the Bristol Tennessee Fire Department stated, "The ban includes any device designed or intended to produce a visible or an audible effect for entertainment purposes." McDaniel continued, "It is unlawful for anyone to possess, store, handle, sell or use fireworks within the city except as otherwise authorized."

Of course there will be fireworks events hosted within the city limits on occasion, those fall under a special permit issued by the Fire Chief acting in conjunction with the State Fire Marshal. The permit authorized the supervised display of fireworks in accordance with applicable state laws and fire codes.

For more information on fireworks, please contact Captain McDaniel at 423-989-5600.