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## **FIREWORKS ARE ILLEGAL IN THE CITY OF CHICO**

*The City of Chico Fire Department Reminds the Public of Fireworks Ban*

**CHICO, CA — (June 27, 2023)** — Nothing kicks off the summer season like the 4th of July holiday. It is an enjoyable time that includes all the things we love, such as warmer weather, great food, and grand pyrotechnic displays.

The City of Chico would like to remind residents that the possession, storage, sale, and use of all fireworks is **illegal** within the City of Chico. It is also illegal to purchase "Safe and Sane" fireworks from neighboring cities, and then bring them to the City of Chico. Those violating the fireworks restrictions can face repercussions including an infraction or a misdemeanor charge, which are subject to fines and other penalties.

According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), fireworks start an average of 18,500 fires per year, including 1,300 structure fires.

There are a variety of Independence Day celebrations across Butte County for residents to enjoy. For information on some of these events see: <https://www.explorebuttecounty.com/events/4th-of-july-events>.

On behalf of everyone at the City Chico please have a happy and safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July!

For more additional information or media inquiries:

- Chico Fire Department, Battalion Chief - 530-897-3403; or
- Chico Police Department, Communication Specialist, Kelly DeLeon - 530-897-5812.

*Located in Butte County, California, Chico is the cultural and economic center of the northern Sacramento Valley and the largest city north of Sacramento. Known as a college town, the home of California State University, Chico and for Bidwell Park, one of the largest urban parks in the world. For more information, visit [www.chico.ca.us](http://www.chico.ca.us).*

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