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Mr. Farley Dudley
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Mr. Dudley,

I have been fielding complaints over the past couple of years regarding the use of fireworks outside the currently designated dates identified for the State of Washington. As you may be aware, fireworks are currently allowed by State Statute between June 28th and July 5th and on December 31st.

The use of fireworks outside the statutorily designated dates can be allowed through the issuance of a special permit. For residents in unincorporated Skamania County the county fire marshal has the authority to review applications and approve or deny based on relevant criteria.

Residents within the city limits of Stevenson have the option to apply for a special permit to use fireworks outside of the statutorily designated dates through the approval of the local fire chief.

After checking with the city of Stevenson and the fire chief, I have been informed that they have not issued any special use permits for fireworks in the past 24 months.

The Skamania County Sheriff's Office is the contract law enforcement agency for the city of Stevenson. I have informed my staff that any future use of fireworks within the City of Stevenson that are outside of the statutorily designated dates will be investigated and, if appropriate, enforcement action will be taken.

Further, based on information I have received, fireworks have allegedly been used on your property outside of the designated dates provided for in statute. As the property owner, you may incur the responsibility for any future illegal use of fireworks if indeed it is shown they were used or originated from your property.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,


Dave Brown
Sheriff