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Contact: Officer Kate Mann  
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Subject: Fireworks

OSHKOSH, WI (June 02, 2025): The Oshkosh Police Department wants to inform residents about the fireworks that are not permitted within the City of Oshkosh, as well as the proactive law enforcement initiatives and potential fines for ordinance violations.

**Legal Fireworks:** Allowed fireworks include sparklers, stationary cones and fountains, toy snakes, smoke bombs, caps, noise makers, and confetti poppers (with less than ½ grain of explosive)

**Illegal Fireworks:** Roman candles, firecrackers, bottle rockets, mortars, anything that explodes or leaves the ground (only individuals/ groups with a governmental issued permit are allowed these types of fireworks)

The Oshkosh Police Department will be performing inspections of locations that sell fireworks to ensure that illegal fireworks are not being sold to individuals within the City of Oshkosh who do not possess a permit to buy these fireworks. Officers will also be responding to fireworks complaints to make contact with citizens to determine if a violation has occurred. If a violation has occurred, law enforcement action will occur and fireworks found to be in violation will be seized to curtail repeat violations and ongoing problems.

**Fireworks Ordinance:** City of Oshkosh Municipal Codes- Chapter 13 SECTION 13-6 (C) (1) Notwithstanding any provision of this Code to the contrary, no person may sell, possess or use fireworks, as that term is defined by Section 167.10(1) of the Wisconsin Statutes as may be amended from time to time, within the City; except that the use of fireworks may be allowed by appropriate permit issued by the fire chief.

**Fireworks Ordinance Fines:**For Juveniles: (not less than)

1st Offense: \$100 + \$5 Court Costs = \$105

2nd Offense: \$150 + \$5 Court Costs = \$155

3rd Offense: \$500 + \$5 Court Costs = \$505

(For Third or subsequent offense within 36 months of conviction)

For Adults: (not less than)

1st Offense: \$125 + \$170 Court Costs = \$295

2nd Offense: \$225 + \$196 Court Costs = \$421

3rd Offense: \$1000 + \$397.50 Court Costs = \$1,397.50

(For Third or subsequent offense within 36 months of conviction)

Fireworks maybe enjoyable, but they can also cause distress to many in our community, especially those with PTSD or noise sensitivities. Loud explosions can also have a negative effect on pets, causing them undue stress and potential harm.

Let's keep Oshkosh safe and considerate for all. Always plan alternatives for family fun and celebrate in ways that look out for everyone. Your cooperation helps maintain the safety and tranquility of our community.