



SANTA BARBARA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

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NEWS RELEASE

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- **Illegal Fireworks Patrol** -

SANTA BARBARA Ca. July 2, 2015- Santa Barbara County Fire wants to remind the public that fireworks including the safe and sane variety are illegal in all areas of the County with the exception of the cities of Santa Maria, Lompoc and Guadalupe.

With the 4th of July occurring on a weekend this year and the record drought California is experiencing, Santa Barbara County Fire Investigators will be out patrolling the unincorporated areas of the County. Fire Investigators will be looking for illegal firework displays, illegal fireworks and fires.

Fireworks purchased in Santa Maria, Lompoc or Guadalupe must be used within those city limits. Possession of any fireworks outside of these cities is illegal. Most firework violations carry fines of \$500 to \$1000, but some violations can carry fines up to \$25,000. Any use of illegal fireworks resulting in a fire can be prosecuted as a felony.

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