

CITY OF VENTURA

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Public Fireworks Display Policy (FP-3)

Article I. INTRODUCTION

Section 1.01 Purpose:

To describe the safety protocol for commercial fireworks displays as adopted by the Ventura City Fire Department.

Section 1.02 Scope:

The following safety precautions shall be followed when conducting a commercial fireworks display within the City of Ventura.

Section 1.03 Objectives:

To achieve a safe commercial fireworks display.

Section 1.04 Definitions:

Fire Inspector: For the purpose of this policy Fire Inspectors shall be defined as Ventura City Fire Department personnel assigned to the inspection and/or as standby of commercial fireworks displays.

Article II. RESPONSIBILITY

Section 2.01

Fire Inspectors shall verify compliance of the provisions described in this policy.

Article III. POLICY

Section 3.01

Commercial fireworks displays shall be conducted under the provisions of the 2007 California Fire Code and this document.

Article IV. PROCEDURE

Section 4.01 Permits

A pyrotechnic operator shall apply for the required permits at least 10 days prior to the fireworks display.

Section 4.02 Storage

Storage of any amount of fireworks shall be in accordance with the California Fire Code.

Section 4.03 Standby Personnel

A minimum of one Fire Inspector shall be present during all firework displays. Suppression personnel may be required to be present if determined by the Fire Inspector based upon display site and weather conditions. Fees for the suppression personnel are not included within basic permit fee.

Section 4.04 Electrical Shoot

All fireworks displays shall be electronically fired. The Fire Inspector shall witness a conductivity test prior to all displays.

Section 4.05 Pyrotechnic Operator and Personnel

Firework displays shall be under the direct supervision of a California licensed pyrotechnic operator. Associated personnel are limited to those assisting in the set up and conducting of the fireworks display. Once any fireworks have been removed from storage, only the pyrotechnic operator and the associated personnel shall be located within the launch and fall out zones.

Section 4.06 Discontinuance of Display

Fireworks displays shall be discontinued immediately whenever any member of the Fire Department believes that the display is unsafe.