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New fireworks law prompts safety reminders

Hinesville, GA — Beginning July 1, the newly amended House Bill 110 will be effective allowing the sale, purchase and use of many fireworks that were previously prohibited in Georgia.

House Bill 110 defines fireworks as “any combustible or explosive composition or any substance or combination of substances or article prepared for the purpose of producing a visible or audible effect.” This new law authorizes the use of blank cartridges, firecrackers, torpedoes, skyrockets, bombs, sparklers, Roman candles and similarly-constructed combustibles and explosions.

“As the festivities and celebrations begin bringing in the Fourth of July, the Hinesville Fire Department would like to inform citizens about the new fireworks law and remind everyone of the importance of safety during the holiday,” said Capt. Andra Hart.

Individuals must be 18 years of age or older to purchase and use fireworks. The use of fireworks is permitted between the hours of 10 a.m. to midnight. However, on Jan. 1, July 3, July 4 and Dec. 31, the fireworks curfew extends to 2 a.m.

Fireworks are still prohibited within any school zone, function or transportation provided by a school. Fireworks cannot be exploded indoors or within 100 yards within a nuclear power facility, gas station or any facility engaged in the production, refining or blending of gasoline.

“If you enjoy watching fireworks, the Hinesville Fire Department recommends attending one of the various display shows around the area for the safest way to enjoy fireworks,” said Deputy Chief Kris Johansen.

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If you decide to handle consumer fireworks, be sure to follow these important safety tips:

- Read and follow all warnings and instructions
- Never allow young children to play with or ignite fireworks
- Keep a bucket of water or a garden hose handy in case of fire or malfunction
- Maintain a safe distance from the fireworks device at all times
- Light fireworks on a flat surface away from buildings, dry leaves and flammable liquids
- Do not carry fireworks in a pocket or shoot them off in metal or glass containers
- Discard fireworks that do not function properly on the first try
- After fireworks finish burning, soak the remainder in of water before discarding it to prevent a trash fire
- If there is a fire or medical emergency at any time, call 911

If you have any questions concerning consumer fireworks, contact the Hinesville Fire Department at (912) 876-4143. Or visit the website at www.cityofhinesville.org/fire for information and to submit questions through the Contact Us form.

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