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From the Office of the Mayor**

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**MAYOR LOWERY AND CHIEF FAGAN REMIND THE PUBLIC THAT
FIREWORKS ARE PROHIBITED BY LAW IN FLORISSANT**

On average over 180 people go to the emergency room on or near 4th of July each year. People die from different fireworks related accidents. Small children and family pets can be terrorized by fireworks.

According to our Police Department the City of Florissant and the Nation has experienced a noticeable increase in the amount and size of the pyrotechnics that individuals are using on 4th of July and New Year's Eve which has resulted in complaints of peace disturbance.

A more disturbing trend is the national increase in the discharge of firearms on the 4th of July holiday and New Year's Day. What goes up must come down and spent bullets can kill or maim a child, adult or pet and cause expensive property damage. Discharging firearms is always illegal and violators will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

The sale, possession and use of Fireworks are prohibited by law in section 215.020 of our City Code which was enacted by the City Council several decades ago. This Administration has placed a renewed priority on enforcement of this ordinance in an effort to prevent death, injury, fires and disturbance of the peace. Violators will be subject to a fine of up to \$1000.

The City of Florissant provides a safe, professional Fireworks Display each Independence Day. This year's event includes a performance by the Midnight Piano Band at the James J. Eagan Center Grounds and we invite our citizens and guests to enjoy Independence Day fireworks safely this year at the Eagan Center.

The public is encouraged to notify the Police Department at 314-831-7000 of any illegal Fireworks or Firearms activity.