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“CLAYTON COUNTY FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES PROMOTES FIREWORK SAFETY”

Riverdale, Ga.- Friday June 30, Clayton County Fire & Emergency Services wants you to be safe this Fourth of July while you celebrate with family and friends. Fire Chief Landry Merkison asks you to remember that all fireworks pose a threat to our safety. To ensure the safety of your family, home, and neighborhood please read these safety tips on fireworks:

- A responsible adult should supervise all firework activities; never give fireworks to children.
- Fireworks should be lit **OUTSIDE** in a clear area and only lit **ONE** at a time;
- Never relight a “dud” firework
- Have a bucket of water or garden hose nearby
- Dispose of spent fireworks by wetting them down and placing them in a metal trashcan
- FAA regulations **PROHIBIT** the possession and transportation of fireworks in your checked baggage or carry-on luggage
- Read cautionary labels and wear safety glasses when shooting fireworks
- Never carry fireworks in your pocket or shoot them into metal or glass containers
- Report illegal explosives, such as M-80w and quarter sticks, to the fire or police departments

Fireworks are legally allowed until midnight on the Fourth of July and until 9pm any other day. Fireworks classified as DOT 1.4G are legal in the state of Georgia. A list of legal fireworks includes:

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| • Sky rockets | • Crackle and strobe | • Sky Flyers |
| • Roman candles | • Parachutes | • Display Shells |
| • Firecrackers | • Wheels and Spinners | • Aerial Items (Cakes) |
| • Bottle Rockets | • Novelties | • Fountains |
| • Sparklers | • Smoke and punk | • Missiles |

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