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INFORMATIONAL BULLETIN IB-13026

TO: All Fire Department Personnel
FROM: Jeremy Luttrell, Fire Marshal
RE: Approved Permissible Fireworks List
Date: June 17, 2013

The fireworks season is rapidly approaching and it is important that everyone be aware of the city's regulations regarding the sale and use of "Permissible Fireworks" within the city limits. According to the Code of Virginia "Permissible Fireworks" are defined as:

Permissible fireworks means any sparklers, fountains, Pharaoh's serpents, caps for pistols, or pinwheels commonly known as whirligigs or spinning jennies.

The state code definition for permissible fireworks is a little dated and currently in the process to be amended at the state level. In an effort to make things easier for those with enforcement authority, the city's fire prevention code states that permissible fireworks must be approved by the Fire Marshal. The 2013 list of "Approved Permissible Fireworks" can be found on the fire and rescue department website at:

www.winchesterva.gov/fire-and-rescue/forms-publications

Any questions regarding the fireworks codes or the approved list can be directed to the Fire Marshal's Office staff.