



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Michigan State Fire Marshal considering statewide ban on Fireworks.**

Grand Rapids Fire Prevention Bureau Issues Fire Warning for 4<sup>th</sup> of July Weekend.

The National Weather Service seven day forecast for the Grand Rapids Metropolitan Area shows continued clear and sunny skies, with only a chance of showers or thunderstorms for Thursday evening.

Given the current dry conditions, Caution is advised for the use of consumer fireworks and we ask for all to exercise due regard with respect to these sources of ignition. The remaining portion of the weekend is expected to be warm with dry conditions. Therefore, grass and brushfires could occur at points of use, firework landing areas, and spaces between.

Grand Rapids Ordinance allows for consumer fireworks to be used only: the day of, day before, and day after National Holidays. Fireworks shall not be used after midnight or before eight o'clock a.m.

State Law prohibits the use of Fireworks on public lands. This includes public streets and parks. Violators are subject to prosecution. If an emergency should arise, you are encouraged to call 911 for Fire or Police related incidents.

The City of Grand Rapids will follow The Fire Marshals recommendations for consumer fireworks.

The Grand Rapids Fire Department wishes everyone a Happy and Safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July!