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Press Release

With the Fourth of July holiday fast approaching, the Egg Harbor Twp Police Dept. is concerned for the safety of all of its residents and visitors. With this in mind the members of the police department would like to point of the dangers of using illegal fireworks. In New Jersey the possession of or use of fireworks is against the law and violators face a fine up to \$500 and up to 30 days in jail. This is serious offense but this is not as serious as what could happen when you use illegal fireworks.

Last year in New Jersey, according to Howard Black Director of Division of Public Safety and Occupational Safety and Health, 14 persons were treated in hospital emergency rooms for firework related injuries. There have been over 100 documented cases over the last couple of years that ranged from burns, eye injuries, lacerations and amputations. Mr. Black believes the injury rate is much higher but those injuries are either treated in emergency rooms outside of NJ or by their own doctors and are not reported. As police officers we have to work on holidays but none of us want to spend a holiday, or any day, at the emergency room with an injury that could have easily been prevented.

The Egg Harbor Twp Police Dept. is requesting that everyone remain safe this holiday by enjoying one of the legal firework displays put on by many communities and organizations in the area. These are run by professionals under a much more controlled environment than your backyard would be.