



# KOOTENAI COUNTY SHERIFF

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The Kootenai County Sheriff's Office wants to remind everyone that only fireworks classified as "NON-AERIAL COMMON FIREWORKS" are legal to use throughout Kootenai County, to include all of the incorporated cities within the County. Non-aerial common fireworks are those that can be purchased in local temporary stands and some businesses throughout the many communities in the County.

The only exception to the law is the land within the exterior boundaries of the Coeur d'Alene Indian Reservation. The fireworks sold on these lands must be used on these lands and are illegal to possess or use off of these lands.

As time allows, deputies will be working emphasis patrols on known high problem areas for fireworks violations. One area in particular will be in the State Line Village area near the Washington State Line. Last year, hundreds of rockets and mortars were seized in this area after people were observed lighting off dangerous fireworks that were flying around and exploding near gas pumps at local businesses.

There are many community fireworks demonstrations for the public to enjoy. Please refer to your local newspapers for exact dates and times of displays.

Rocky Watson, Sheriff

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