

## CPD to be out in force July 4:

The Coeur d'Alene Police Department would like to wish everyone a happy, fun-filled 4th of July. Officers will be out in force to ensure that everyone has a safe celebration. There will be an extra emphasis in patrol throughout the city as well as the downtown area, Tubbs Hill, the City Park and McEuen Park. As a reminder, fireworks and alcohol are prohibited in all city parks and on Tubbs Hill. For people enjoying the parks, there will be officers stationed in the Police and Fire Safety Building. This will serve as an area to bring lost children to, or report missing children.

All dangerous fireworks are prohibited. It is unlawful for any person in the city to import, export, offer for sale, sell, possess, use, keep or store or permit the keeping or storing of any fireworks, other than non-aerial, common fireworks, for any use or purpose, except for a person holding a special fireworks permit.

The most common complaints forwarded to the Police Department during the 4th of July celebration are the noise levels of the fireworks and fireworks aimed at and landing on the roof of a residence. Any violation of the Municipal Fireworks Code is a misdemeanor public offense, punishable by a fine not to exceed three hundred dollars.

Dangerous fireworks are an extreme fire hazard and have been attributed to the cause of roof fires on houses and garages and surrounding areas. The public areas such as Tubbs Hill are vulnerable to fire. Strict enforcement of the law will apply to anyone who has caused a fire due to negligence with fireworks. There are also high incidents of personal injury incurred from fireworks, especially when coupled with alcohol consumption. Use caution while igniting safe and sane fireworks. Children should not light the fireworks. All firework activity should be supervised by responsible adults. We encourage all citizens to act responsibly and safely.

Officers will be strictly enforcing DUI laws with an extra emphasis over the holiday and throughout the weekend. The Police Department asks city residents and visitors to the City of Coeur d'Alene to be mindful of fire danger, and not to disturb their neighbors' peace. If there is a crime in progress please call 911. To file a crime report call 769-2320/**Sgt. Christie Wood, Coeur d'Alene Police.**