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The joint statement below has been approved and authorized by the Yamhill County Fire Defense Board and the Yamhill County Board of Commissioners by B.O. 21-273:

Have a safe, fun, *fireworks-free* Independence Day.

Record heat and dry makes our county unsafe for using fireworks. Save your fireworks for when the temperature is lower, and the land is wet.

Using fireworks when it is hot and dry puts you and your neighbors in danger, and you can be charged with criminal and civil penalties from damage caused by your fireworks.

The use of illegal fireworks (ones that fly in the air, explode, or travel more than 12 feet over the ground) can lead to fines of up to \$2500 per item.

You cannot use fireworks in county and city parks, National Forests, on BLM land, on US Fish & Wildlife land, on state beaches, in state parks, and in state campgrounds.

If you plan to light fireworks:

Be prepared: have a charged hose or full water bucket ready.

Be safe: keep children and pets away from fireworks.

Be responsible: never re-light a firework, wait 15 min, then soak in bucket of water.

Be aware: use only legal fireworks and do not use in prohibited locations.

Remember that July 4 typically has high call volumes for 911; consider the situation before dialing and consider calling your local non-emergency line.

As always, keep it legal, and keep it safe.

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