

S. Tahoe cracking down on personal fireworks

The South Lake Tahoe Police Department has increased its vigilance in enforcing state and city fireworks laws to protect public health and safety.

Virtually all fireworks that explode, shoot into the air or move along the ground are termed "dangerous", and are illegal anywhere in California. Discharging any type of fireworks, including "safe and sane" fireworks, is against the law in South Lake Tahoe. This includes devices such as simple sparklers.

Police will confiscate any fireworks and issue citations to violators. Possession of larger style fireworks may be prosecuted as a felony.

According to the National Fire Protection Association, on a typical Fourth of July, fireworks cause more fires in the U.S. than all other causes combined.