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Safely Celebrating the 4th

Camino – Unit Chief Kelly Keenan of the Amador-El Dorado Unit of CAL FIRE would like to remind everyone that Amador County local ordinance #7.34.030 forbids the use and *possession* of fireworks, including “safe and sane” fireworks in all areas of the County with the exception of the city limits of Jackson, Sutter Creek, Plymouth and Lone. This means that if you purchase the fireworks, *they must be used within the city limits*, they cannot be used outside these specific areas or the person(s) face criminal prosecution. There is a “zero tolerance” policy when it comes to the use or possession of fireworks (with the exception of the cities of Jackson, Sutter Creek, Plymouth and Lone) by CAL FIRE, local fire districts and the local law enforcement agencies. “Take the high road and play by the rules and set the best example for your family and neighbors and don’t buy fireworks and bring them into the areas where they are illegal. If you do and you get caught, not only will your fireworks be confiscated, you may be cited, facing misdemeanor charges that include up to SIX months in jail or a \$500 fine *or both*. It simply isn’t worth the risk, especially when we have an excellent fireworks display for everyone to enjoy” adds Chief Keenan.

- Tuesday July 3rd Fireworks Celebration at the Butte Bowl at Jackson Junior High School. Fun begins at 5 pm until 9:30 pm, with food, games and fireworks for the entire family. “This event is a great place to celebrate Independence Day with your friends and family” says Chief Kelly Keenan, “and it is the *safest way* to enjoy a fireworks display.

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