

**OCEAN CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE FIRE MARSHAL
FIREWORKS DISPLAY SITE INSTRUCTIONS**

1. The operator shall be responsible for notification of arrival and/or departure of any and all fireworks. Notification shall be made to the pre-designated fire official.
2. As soon as the fireworks have been delivered to the display site, they shall not be left unattended, and they shall be kept dry. Unauthorized persons and the public shall be kept away from the fireworks.
3. All fire protection for the display site shall be in place as pre-determined by the pre-designated fire official.
4. The sponsor/operator is responsible for providing monitors whose sole duty shall be the enforcement of crowd control, shall be located around the display area, the loading site and off loading site and at other locations as pre-determined by the fire official and the operator.
5. Monitors shall be positioned around the discharge site to prevent spectators or any other unauthorized persons from entering the discharge site. The discharge site shall be so restricted throughout the display and until the discharge site has been inspected after the display. Where required by the fire official, approved delineators or barriers shall be used to aid in crowd control.
6. All operators shall be at least twenty-one (21) years old and licensed by the Maryland State Fire Marshal.
7. All assistants shall be at least eighteen (18) years of age.
8. The operator shall provide a representative to the pre-designated fire official with a current/valid Pyrotechnician License(s) issued by the Maryland State Fire Marshal prior to the set-up of the display (s).
9. The names of all the licensed pyrotechnicians and their assistants shall be provided to the fire official.
10. The operator is responsible for ensuring that all assistants are fully trained in the proper performance of their assigned tasks and that they are knowledgeable of safety hazards.
11. Display site shall be furnished with a minimum of three (3) experienced personnel, one (1) of which shall be licensed by the Maryland State Fire Marshal as a Pyrotechnician.
12. No smoking shall be allowed within fifty feet (50') of any area where fireworks or other pyrotechnic materials are present.

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13. The sponsor/operator (s) shall be responsible for set-up of outdoor display(s) of fireworks in Accordance with NFPA 1123 Outdoor Display of Fireworks.
14. The sponsor/operator is responsible for notification of the Federal Aviation Administration, (FAA). A signed confirmation letter from the FAA shall be submitted with the fireworks application.
15. Pyrotechnicians/operators shall furnish adequate personnel for cleanup and policing of each display area after the displays have been fired. Said personnel shall remove all unexploded fireworks, trash, wire, remove wooden framework, sets and lumber, and refill holes in the sand etc.
16. Whenever, in the opinion of the Fire Authority or the operator, that any adverse condition exists and affects safety, the fireworks display shall be postponed until the condition is corrected.
17. Parachute flare-type fireworks are prohibited.
18. All fireworks shall be electronically fired “No Manual Firing Shall be Permitted”.
19. Only the operator and necessary assistants shall be permitted in the discharge area.
20. No person shall be allowed in the discharge area while under the influence of alcohol, narcotics, or medication that could adversely affect judgment, mobility, or stability.
21. The operator(s) shall discuss with the pre-designated fire official prior to the fireworks display the proper disposal of any unfired/misfired shell(s).
22. A shell shall be fired five (5) minutes prior to the scheduled fireworks display. The shell shall be observed carefully to determine that its trajectory is such that the shell functions over the fallout area that any dangerous debris or unexploded shells will land in the fall out area.
23. Immediately following the display but no sooner than Thirty (30) minutes after the show, no one will be permitted within fifty (50) feet of any mortars. It is the responsibility of the shooter to inspect the mortars to insure a shell has not fired. When a shell does not fire from a mortar the operator shall warn the authority jurisdiction. The operator shall be responsible for the proper disposal of any and all misfired shell(s) that remain.
24. Following the display, the firing crew shall conduct an inspection of the fallout area for the purpose of locating any unexploded aerial shells.
25. Ground display shall be located at a minimum distance of 100 ft. from a spectator viewing area, any tents, and combustible materials.

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26. Poles for ground display pieces shall be securely placed and firmly braced in order they will not fall over during functioning of the firework device.
27. The site for the outdoor land or water display shall have a radius at least as great as specified for those items in the display with the greatest required radius. For aerial shells, the minimum required radius of the display site shall be 100 ft per inch of the internal mortar diameter of the largest aerial shell to be fired.
28. Distances for Outdoor Aerial Shell Display Sites: Minimum Separation Distances from Mortars to spectator viewing area, tents, dwellings, buildings, and structures unauthorized vehicles, watercraft, or readily combustible materials for Land or Water Displays
- | Mortar Size | Minimum Secured Diameter of Site |
|-------------|----------------------------------|
| 1 | 100 feet |
| 2 | 200 feet |
| 3 | 300 feet |
| 4 | 400 feet |
| 5 | 500 feet |
| 6 | 600 feet |
| 7 | 700 feet |
| 8 | 800 feet |
29. The fireworks display company, the organization, or the individual shall be responsible for having all required permit(s), (Maryland State Fire Marshals Office, United States Coast Guard, Maryland Natural Resources Police etc.) for the fireworks display(s). All required permits shall be submitted with the fireworks display application and be onsite and made available upon request from the pre-designated fire official.
30. All shells shall be properly labeled in order that they can be inventoried prior to the firing of the display.
31. The fireworks company/shooter shall provide two (2) fire extinguishers at the display site. Each fire extinguisher shall be U/L Listed Chemical Fire Extinguisher having a minimum classification of 4A-40BC. Fire extinguishers must have a current inspection tag from a company approved by the Maryland State Fire Marshal.

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**OCEAN CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT
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FIREWORKS DISPLAY APPLICATION**

**Submit application to:
Office of the Fire Marshal
P.O. Box 158
Ocean City, MD 21843**

**For Information Contact:
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P.O. Box 158
Ocean City, MD 21843
Phone Number 410-289-8780**

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY AND COMPLETE ALL AREAS OF THE APPLICATION

Date of proposed display _____ Time of display _____ Rain/wind date _____

Name and complete address of applicant: _____

_____ Telephone number _____

Complete address of Display Location (*Attach diagram of display site): _____
_____ Ocean City, Worcester County, MD

Company Name and Phone Number supplying fireworks: _____

**Fireworks Shooters Name: _____ Permit License # _____ Expiration date _____

Name of Company Providing Insurance for display: _____

Attach Insurance Certificate (Proof of Insurance); Town of Ocean City must be named as the additional insurer, with one million dollar insurance coverage, thirty (30) day cancellation clause, to cover bodily injury, and property damage for each display site.

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The fireworks display company, the organization, or the individual shall be responsible for obtaining the fireworks display permit. The fireworks display application and a check and/or a money order in the amount of \$250.00 dollars shall be made payable to the Mayor and City Council, and received a minimum of thirty (30) days prior to the performance.

*Pyrotechnicians/operators shall submit at the time of making application a detailed drawing or display "blueprint" of the fireworks display site layout, which indicates the following:

- a. Length and depth of area needed at each site for mortars, racks.
- b. Minimum setback distances required at each site for the public.
- c. Type of and location of protection for mortar launch areas.
- d. Type and location of electronic firing device.
- e. If shooting from a barge the size of the barge, (the size of the platform necessary to shoot the fireworks safely in accordance with NFPA 1123). Length and depth of area needed for mortars and racks. If applicable size and location of the safety shelter for the shooter.

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**Should the shooters name change as indicated on the fireworks display application, the Office of the Fire Marshal shall be notified in writing providing the shooters name change, Permit License # and expiration date.

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The sponsor/operator (s) shall be responsible for set-up of outdoor display(s) of fireworks in Accordance with NFPA 1123 Outdoor Display of Fireworks.

The sponsor/operator (s) are responsible for providing an acceptable form of communications between the shooter, security, monitors, site manager, and the fireworks display site-designated fire official.

Note: Applicant/shooter understands this permit does not authorize overnight storage of explosives/fireworks.

Print or type applicant's name _____

Applicants Signature _____ Date _____

For Official Use Only Below

Application received _____ Permit application # _____

Deputy Fire Marshal Assigned _____ Reviewed and ready for invoicing _____

Applicant notified permit is ready for issuance _____

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