



Wakefield Police Department

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Dear Association Members,

With the warmer weather approaching I wanted to reach out to all the associations in the area regarding firework use. In New Hampshire fireworks are illegal and the Wakefield Police Department will be enforcing the laws regarding fireworks. Due the increased number of calls and complaints last year, I wanted to reach out early to the Associations and members. Below are the relevant RSA's:

160-B:3 Display; Penalty. –

I. No person shall display fireworks other than a person who meets all of the following requirements:

(a) Has obtained a certificate of competency issued pursuant to RSA 158:9-f which shall be in such person's possession at the time of display and which has not been revoked or suspended.

(b) Has obtained a municipal permit to display issued pursuant to RSA 160-B:7 which shall be in such person's possession and which has not been revoked or suspended.

II. Any person who violates the provisions of this section by displaying display fireworks shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

III. Any person who violates the provisions of this section by displaying consumer common fireworks shall be guilty of a violation for a first offense and a misdemeanor for any subsequent offense.

160-B:4 Possession; Penalty. –

I. No person shall possess fireworks other than the following:

(a) A person who has in the person's possession a certificate of competency issued pursuant to RSA

158:9-f and a valid permit to display issued pursuant to RSA 160-B:7.

(b) A person who has a federal permit to sell display fireworks issued in accordance with title 18 of the United States Code, a state license issued pursuant to RSA 160-B:6, and a municipal permit issued in accordance with RSA 160-B:6, or an employee of such person. For the purposes of this subparagraph, "employee" shall be limited to a person who is reported as an employee for state and federal tax purposes and for unemployment compensation purposes.

(c) A common carrier which is in possession of a bill of lading indicating that fireworks are being shipped to or from a licensed and permitted seller or a person who has a certificate of competency and a permit to display.

(d) Any manufacturer or common carrier shipping fireworks in interstate commerce through the state of New Hampshire which are not being delivered or received in this state.

(e) A person who has a licensed facility for the storage of display fireworks pursuant to RSA 158:9-C.

II. Any person who violates the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a violation unless the person possesses with intent to sell, in which case such person shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Please review the RSA's and if you have any questions feel free to call the department or you may call me directly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Ventura", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Chief John Ventura, Esq.

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