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A REMINDER TO CELEBRATE SAFELY THIS HOLIDAY WEEKEND

As we celebrate the 4th of July this weekend, the Auburn Police Department reminds residents and visitors that the discharge of fireworks is strictly prohibited by municipal ordinance.

"We hope that citizens will enjoy Auburn's Liberty Festival instead of setting off their own fireworks," says Deputy Police Chief Jason Moen. "It's a matter of safety. It may be legal to purchase fireworks in certain parts of Maine, but Auburn has banned their use, sale and possession with intent to sell."

Officers will enforce the city's fireworks ordinance by responding to reports of illegal fireworks possession and discharge. Residents can help the department by calling 9-1-1 when fireworks are illegally set off in their neighborhoods. "Leave the fireworks to the trained professionals," said Moen.

OUI enforcement will also be ramped up this weekend. This means increased enforcement with zero tolerance for those who drive impaired. Officers will be out in force throughout the city, cracking down on drunk driving.

While you're out celebrating our country's freedom, plan ahead so you can get home safely.

- Plan a safe way home before the fun begins
- Designate a sober driver or use public transportation
- If you see a drunk driver on the road, don't hesitate to contact the Auburn PD

This Fourth of July weekend, remember to *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over*. If you know someone who is about to drive or ride after drinking, take the keys and make arrangements to help them get safely to their destination. Driving impaired is never worth the risk, not to yourself or anyone else. If law enforcement pulls you over for drunk driving this Fourth of July, you can count on being arrested.

The Auburn Police Department wants everyone to have a safe and happy 4th of July. Make sure that you celebrate in a safe, fun and *legal* way.