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2024 Sonoma Fireworks Event – Scheduled as planned

Sonoma Valley Fire District Ensures Safety for 50th Annual Fireworks Event

Sonoma Valley, CA - July 3, 2024 - The Sonoma Valley Fire District proudly announces the 50th Annual Fireworks Event, scheduled for July 4th, 2024, showcasing our commitment to safety and our longstanding tradition of incident-free celebrations.

For five decades, the Sonoma Valley Fireworks Event has been a beloved tradition uniting our community in celebration of Independence Day. With meticulous planning and dedicated safety protocols, this event has maintained an impeccable safety record over its 49-year history.

Hosted and produced by the local fire department, the event features licensed Pyrotechnic Operators with a combined 68 years of experience in managing large-scale public fireworks displays. Additionally, the event is fully permitted and supervised by the California State Fire Marshal's Office, ensuring compliance with state laws and safety regulations.

The safety of our community and attendees remains our highest priority. Weather conditions leading up to the event have been closely monitored, with spot weather forecasts indicating patterns consistent with previous years. Importantly, at this time, no "red flag warning" has been issued for the launch area or fallout zone of the fireworks show.

In preparation for any potential contingencies, numerous firefighting resources are strategically positioned throughout the event venue and its perimeter. Our highly trained personnel and advanced equipment are poised to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for all attendees.

"We are dedicated to upholding the highest safety standards for our community during this cherished annual tradition," stated Chief Steve Akre. "With proactive measures and

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extensive preparations, we are confident that this year's fireworks event will be both safe and memorable for everyone."

The Sonoma Valley Fire District reassures the community that event safety evaluations are ongoing, beginning days before, during, and throughout the event itself. If conditions warrant, including any safety concerns, we will not hesitate to pause, delay, or cancel the event. Community safety remains our foremost priority.

Attendees are urged to cooperate with event organizers and adhere to safety guidelines throughout the festivities. We remind everyone that consumer fireworks are illegal, and we appreciate the community's cooperation in maintaining compliance with the law.

For the latest information and updates on the 50th Annual Fireworks Event, please visit the Sonoma Valley Volunteer Firefighters Association's website at <https://sonomavolunteerfirefighters.org/fourth-of-july/> or contact us at 707-933-2306.

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