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Citizens have celebrated Utah's Pioneer Day heritage for many years with Utah-legal fireworks. The vast majority of Utah citizens do so with care and responsibility every year. In the more dry years, Utah citizens have shown even greater care and responsibility by purchasing and using their fireworks even more wisely.

TNT Fireworks understands fully the current dry conditions throughout Utah and the need for great care this Pioneer Day season. However, TNT Fireworks believes that Utah residents will once again this year demonstrate themselves to be good citizens and good stewards of the precious Utah lands just as they have in past years.

Many non-profit and charitable organizations sell fireworks as a fund-raising mechanism for their various causes. Currently, 60% of the 71 TNT stands and tents are non-profit organizations such as: Duesenberry Foster Care (Ogden), West Jordan Band Boosters (West Jordan), Second Chance for Homeless Pets (Heber), New Life Center (West Valley), Just For Kids (Springville). In addition, over 265 stores across Utah are planning to sell fireworks this season.

Therefore, TNT Fireworks urges all cities, counties and towns to reject any ban during the Pioneer Day holiday and instead, to work with TNT Fireworks and other vendors to encourage all Utah citizens to be especially careful this Pioneer Day season. TNT Fireworks asks all cities, counties and towns to reaffirm these important safety tips to all citizens:

- (1) When purchasing fireworks this Pioneer Day season, only buy fireworks from Utah licensed fireworks stands and retail outlets. Do not buy fireworks outside Utah, bring them into Utah or use them in Utah.
- (2) Select only the most appropriate fireworks for where and when you intend to use them.
- (3) Always read and follow directions carefully.
- (4) Only ignite them outdoors, away from all structures, buildings, dry grasses, trees and bushes. Preferably, ignite them on a paved surface. Or, use a hose or





- (5) sprinkler system to thoroughly wet the lawn and nearby trees and bushes. Keep the hose handy or have two or three buckets of water nearby.
- (6) Limit the use of your fireworks to the permitted days of July 21st to July 27th. A few hours of safe and enjoyable celebration with Utah-legal fireworks is better than taking too many chances this year. Every fire has the potential to become a very bad one.
- (7) Allow enough clear space so that the fireworks item can function correctly and safely.
- (8) Dispose of all used fireworks by placing them in a bucket or pail of water to make sure they are completely extinguished.

Finally, TNT Fireworks suggests that, where necessary, cities and towns consider designating several special areas to which citizens are invited to celebrate Pioneer Day with their personal fireworks.

Once again, TNT Fireworks urges all Utah cities, counties and towns to reject a ban on the sale and use of Utah-legal common fireworks. TNT Fireworks reads the "Utah Fireworks Act" and the "County and Municipal Fireworks Act" together and believes that read together these two acts prohibit cities, counties and towns from enacting bans on the sale and use of Utah-legal fireworks.

The Utah Fireworks Act, codified within Utah law, in 53-7-225 permits the sale of Class C common state approved fireworks from June 19 through July 26 and the use of these legal fireworks from July 21 through July 27.

The Utah County and Municipal Fireworks Act in 11-3-8 prohibits all cities, counties and towns from enacting any ordinance or regulation that is in conflict with 53-7-220 through 53-7-225. Therefore, no city, county or town should enact an ordinance that bans the sale and use of Utah-legal fireworks during the Pioneer Day holiday period.

