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Number of Retail Fireworks Stand Licenses Issued in 2018

Olympia – The State Fire Marshal's Office announced today that 707 retail fireworks stand licenses were issued in 2018, this represents a 13.6 percent increase, 85 more licenses than the previous year. A state license is required before a city or county can issue a permit to operate a fireworks stand in Washington State.

The counties seeing the largest increase in retail fireworks stand licenses are: Pierce County, 10 percent increase, 10 licenses more than last year; followed by Whatcom County, 56 percent increase, 9 licenses more than last year.

Legal sale of consumer fireworks begins June 28, 2018, at noon and ends on July 5, 2018, at 9:00 pm. A number of cities and counties have restricted or banned the sale and discharge of fireworks. Always be sure to check with your local jurisdiction before using fireworks.

Attending a public fireworks display is a safe and fun way to enjoy them. To learn about a community fireworks display near you, visit our fireworks webpage at <http://www.wsp.wa.gov/fireworks/>.

For more information about fireworks safety or the fireworks laws for your area, visit the State Fire Marshal's fireworks webpage at <http://www.wsp.wa.gov/fireworks/>.

The State Fire Marshal's Office is a Bureau of the Washington State Patrol, providing fire and life safety services to the citizens of Washington State including inspections of state licensed facilities, plan review of school construction projects, licensing of fire sprinkler contractors and pyrotechnic operators, training Washington State's firefighters, and collecting emergency response data.

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