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Fireworks Incident Data for 2018

Olympia – In 2018, the Washington State Fire Marshal's Office (SFMO) received 301 reports of fireworks-related incidents by hospitals, clinics, and fire agencies in Washington State. Of the 301 reports received, there were 209 injuries and 92 fires. Fireworks-related incidents most often occur on July 4th.

Breakdown of incidents:

- 209 injuries reported; 10 percent lower than the 10 year average.
- 92 fires reported due to fireworks use, resulting in a loss of \$161,475.
- 88 injuries were caused by holding the fireworks once lit.
- 71 of the 92 fires were classified as wildland or vegetation.

Washingtonians can enjoy consumer fireworks in a safe and responsible way, if they follow a few simple tips. When planning your fireworks fun, remember to:

- Be Prepared – Buy only legal fireworks, have water nearby while lighting and keep pets indoors.
- Be Safe – Only adults should light fireworks. Never light fireworks in your hand and never use them indoors. Always light one firework at a time.
- Be Responsible – Clean up fireworks debris and soak used fireworks with water. Keep matches and lighters away from children.

For more information about fireworks related information visit <http://www.wsp.wa.gov/prevention-data-collection/>, or call (360)596-3929.

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 States firefighters, and collecting emergency response data.