



# Fireworks in Hulmeville Borough

## Update from the Police Department



Although persons 18 years and older can legally buy consumer fireworks & sparkling devices in Pennsylvania, there are laws on igniting them.

### IT IS ILLEGAL TO:

- **Set** them off on someone else's property whether public or private
- **Ignite** them within 150 feet of an occupied structure: homes, businesses, rv's, mobile homes, etc.
- **Ignite** them if under 18 years of age
- **Throw** them from a building or a moving car
- **Use** while under the influence of alcohol, a controlled substance, or another drug
- **Buy** display fireworks
- **Store** fireworks in a residence or within a residential area

Hulmeville Borough is joining forces with local municipalities in being a zero tolerance community. The Hulmeville Borough Police Department, along with the Pennsylvania State Police, a sheriff or police officer shall take, remove or cause to be removed at the expense of the owner all stocks of consumer fireworks or display fireworks or combustibles offered or exposed for sale, stored or held in violation of this article. The owner shall also be responsible for the storage and, if deemed necessary, the destruction of these fireworks.

***IF you have suffered damage to your home/business from fireworks, please call the Hulmeville Borough Police Department **non-emergency number** to file a report.***

### PENALTIES

72 P.S. § Section 9414.

The following shall apply:

- (1) A person using consumer fireworks in violation of the provisions of this article commits a summary offense and, upon conviction, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100.
- (2) A person selling consumer fireworks in violation of the provisions of this act commits a misdemeanor of the second degree.
- (3) A person selling display fireworks in violation of the provisions of this act commits a felony of the third degree.
- (4) A person selling federally illegal explosives such as devices as described in 49 CFR 173.54 (relating to forbidden explosives) or those devices that have not been tested, approved and labeled by the United States Department of Transportation, including, but not limited to, those devices commonly referred to as M-80, M-100, blockbuster, cherry bomb or quarter or half stick explosive devices, in violation of the provisions of this act commits a felony of the third degree.

### COMMUNITY AFFECTS OF FIREWORKS

- The noise from fireworks causes a great amount of fear, stress & anxiety in wild and domestic animals. Animals can run away from their "safe" home and often bolt making it difficult to find their way home.
- Pollution of water ways & the environment. Most properties in Hulmeville do not have the needed 150' of required area to ignite the approved fireworks. It is illegal to dump or place anything in the Neshaminy or in any water way. Errant fireworks can damage through fires & the release of poisonous chemicals.
- Damage of property. In addition to the apparent damage, many homes are taking advantage of their roofs with solar panels. That proves to be costly to repair as well as an extreme fire hazard to fireworks.

#### Helpful phone numbers:

**Emergency  
911**

Hulmeville Police Non-emergency -	(215) 757-1700
Lower Bucks Police Dispatch -	(215) 942-3900
PA State Police, Trevoese Barracks -	(215) 757-6531 ext. 6
Closest Burn Unit -	Thomas Jefferson University Hospital (215) 955-6000
Closest Animal Shelter -	Woman's Animal Center (215) 750-3100
William Penn Fire Company Non-emergency -	(215) 752-7740