



Press Release

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CITY REQUESTS CITIZENS HONOR FIRE BAN AND STOP THE USE OF PRIVATE FIREWORKS

Mayor Blair Milo and La Porte City Fire Chief Andy Snyder today issued an urgent request to La Porte citizens that they observe the fire ban and stop the use of private fireworks.

Milo and Snyder noted that the long dry spell, heat and persistent winds have created a very dangerous condition in La Porte, which could easily result in a disastrous fire. Milo stated that the dangerous conditions have caused herself and the Chief to call upon the citizens of LaPorte to honor the burn ban issued by La Porte County Commissioners.

Chief Snyder stated under the conditions that we are experiencing, we must ask our citizens to forego the use of private fireworks. Fireworks can, under these conditions, cause fires that could destroy human life as well as real estate. We strongly recommend that our citizens celebrate the 4th of July by attending public firework displays that are monitored and closely supervised by fire departments and refrain from firing private fireworks. Of greatest concern is the use of aerial fireworks, which are hard to control and create a high risk of fire.

Mayor Milo stated, "It is unfortunate that these circumstances have developed at a time when La Porte traditionally goes all out to celebrate the 4th of July, however, failure to use caution could be disastrous."