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Summer Safety 2014-July Edition **Fireworks/Swimming Safety Tips**

(Frederick, MD, June 27, 2014) – Fireworks during the Fourth of July are as American as apple pie, but did you know that more fires are reported on that day than on any other day of the year in the U.S.? Nearly half of these fires are caused by fireworks. Thousands of people each year, most often children and teens, are injured while using consumer fireworks.

The risk of fireworks injury is more than twice as high for children ages 10-14 as for the general population. The safest way to enjoy fireworks is to attend a public display conducted by trained professionals. For a listing of professional firework displays in and around Maryland, visit:

<https://www.mdsp.org/Organization/StateFireMarshal/ExplosivesandFireworks/PublicFireworkDisplays2014.aspx>.

Swimming Safety

What better way to cool off on a hot, summer day, than to take a dip in the pool? Swimming can be great exercise and can provide a wonderful way to beat the heat, however, you want to use caution around the water. Drowning is the leading cause of injury-related death among children ages 1-4. Ensure that swimming is safe and fun by following a few basic safety tips:

- Enroll children in swimming lessons so that they learn to feel comfortable in/around the water.
- Make sure to swim only in areas designated for swimming.
- Always swim with a partner or “buddy”.

- Never leave children unattended around water. Babies can drown in as little as one inch of water.

The Frederick County Division of Fire and Rescue Services hopes that you have a happy, healthy, and safe summer season.

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