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## **HPD Reminds Citizens of Fireworks Ordinance and 4<sup>th</sup> of July Street Closures**

Harrisonburg, Va. – The Harrisonburg Police Department would like to remind the public that fireworks to include sparklers are not permitted in the City of Harrisonburg.

The sale or use of fireworks is illegal (City Code Section 16-6-57) this also includes sparklers. Not only can individuals be charged for violating this code section, but fireworks can be confiscated.

Each year around July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday, both the City Police and Fire departments respond to numerous fireworks violations. “It is the Harrisonburg Police Department’s goal to educate the community about the local ordinances prohibiting fireworks and the possible dangers that are associated with the illegal use of such combustible devices”, stated Sgt. Charles Grubbs HPD’S Community Resource Supervisor.

The Harrisonburg Police Department would like everyone to enjoy fireworks that are displayed by a trained professional. To get more information on viewing locations and other activities for the City of Harrisonburg, visit [www.valleyfourth.com](http://www.valleyfourth.com).

Additionally, downtown streets will be closed from 7am-12 noon for 4<sup>th</sup> of July festivities to include S. Main St. from MLK Way to Gay St., side streets leading into downtown and elsewhere in and around Court Square. Motorists are urged to avoid this area at those times. Warren St. will be closed all day. A list of closures and times can be found on the City of Harrisonburg website, [www.harrisonburgva.gov](http://www.harrisonburgva.gov).

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