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## **N e w s      R e l e a s e**

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### **Fireworks are Illegal in St. Charles Parish**

Although the sale and use of fireworks are legal in neighboring parishes, Sheriff Greg Champagne reminds all St. Charles Parish residents that possessing or discharging fireworks in St. Charles Parish without a permit is illegal. So many times we hear on the local news of unfortunate fireworks related incidents that have taken someone's health, life, or property. Fireworks are dangerous, and can quickly turn a joyful occasion into a tragic one.

The St. Charles Parish Council outlawed the use of fireworks in Ordinance 92-10-23. St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office Deputies will be enforcing this ordinance over the New Year's Holiday.

"We will be responding to complaints," said Sheriff Champagne. "If the complaint is anonymous, deputies can issue a citation if they are able to positively identify who is discharging the fireworks," the Sheriff said. "We can also issue a summons if the complainant is willing to sign a complaint form as a witness to the discharge of fireworks and can identify the responsible person."

Under the parish ordinance, anyone found guilty of violating the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be fined not exceeding one hundred dollars (\$100) or be imprisoned thirty (30) days in jail, or both.