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Holiday Advisory: Random Gunfire and Illegal Fireworks

The New Year's holiday is upon us and the Dallas Police Department wants everyone to be aware of the dangers involving fireworks and random gunfire.

Random gunfire (also known as celebratory firing) is the shooting of a firearm into the air in celebration. This behavior is not only illegal, but it's reckless. The practice of celebratory gunfire may result in death and serious injury from stray bullets. Property damage is often another result of random gunfire, shattered windows and damaged roofs are often found after such celebrations.

During this upcoming New Year's Holiday, the Dallas Police Department will be patrolling neighborhoods looking for violators of random gunfire and illegal fireworks. Fireworks that are in plain view will be confiscated and a citation will be issued to the person in possession of the fireworks. The fine for using and or possessing illegal fireworks can go as high as \$2,000. DPD officers are urging citizens to help reduce the number of fires and injuries caused by fireworks.

The police department is also reminding citizens that our officers will be looking out for any citizens discharging firearms in the city limits of Dallas. It is a violation of the Texas Penal Code, 42.12, Discharge of firearm within the city limits. Punishment can range from fines up to \$4,000 and/or jail time up to one year.

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