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# NEWS RELEASE

## Fire restrictions call for no fireworks this holiday weekend

**Durango, CO:** The City of Durango would like to remind residents this Fourth of July weekend not to light off fireworks.

“There are no fireworks allowed. They’ve already been banned in the city, county with stage 1 fire restrictions,” said Durango Fire Protection District Fire Marshal Karola Hanks. “Conditions are such that we all recognize it’s only going to take one small spark for us to have another fire.”

Instead of celebrating with fireworks the City of Durango has organized a drone show for July 2. The best places to view the show are the Transit Center or from downtown in general. The drone show will be conducted from Greenmount Cemetery, which means the cemetery will be closed Saturday evening for the performance. Drones are not allowed to fly over people and the show could be cancelled if residents gather below the launch area.

“The drone show is an event that we at the fire district support, and we hope that people will attend that and not take part in any activities that could potentially start a fire,” Hanks said.

Regardless of the monsoonal moisture the city has received recently, fire danger is still a real threat to our community. Current restrictions in the City of Durango prohibit open fires or any kind or the burning of any material of any kind on public or private property within the City of Durango. This restriction does not apply to charcoal or propane grills. Additionally, the use of explosive materials of any kind, including but not limited to, fireworks, blasting caps, or any incendiary device which many result in the ignition of flammable material within the city is prohibited.

“In the state of Colorado, it is illegal by state statute to possess fireworks that either lift off the ground or once they lift off the ground they go boom,” Hanks said. “Whether there are fire restrictions or no fire restrictions those type of fireworks are always illegal.”

For up-to-date information on fire restrictions for the city, county and federal lands visit the [Durango Fire Protection District](http://DurangoFireProtectionDistrict.com) website.

