

Canby Fire District Chief Jim Davis-

"I am extremely concerned with the current and forecasted weather for the week leading up to Independence day".

The East winds are forecasted to blow today, with relative Humidity as low as 14%. This is a recipe for a fire to ignite and spread very quickly. Canby Fire responded to over 48 emergency calls on 6/26 and 6/27. This taxed our crews all weekend long.

Canby Fire pleads with the citizens of Canby not to set off any Fireworks this year. The Fire District is extremely concerned with the extreme hot weather the Canby area has had the past 2 weeks. Fire danger is high, with very low humidity will cause fires to increase in size very rapidly. The smallest spark will ignite vegetation and structures.

Safe and sane fireworks have been on sale, and we know that many organizations depend on the sale of fireworks. The loss of sales would be very unfortunate. The extreme weather could not have been anticipated. Firefighters have responded to numerous heat related calls, both Fires and medical emergencies.



If you must set off fireworks, please make sure they are safe and sane fireworks, and follow all rules . Be very cautious with Children and Pets around fireworks. July  $4^{th}$  and  $5^{th}$  average 91,000 ER admissions due to fire works injuries.

Make sure a responsible adult is supervising withe a garden hose and water bucket. Keep fire work away from all structures, and vegetation. If you do light off fireworks, remember the fire danger associated with discarding the spent material. Soak in a bucket of water overnight, do not store near any structures or flammable materials.

For Emergency access to Medical and Fire response, keep all roads and flag lot access open so emergency crews can get to the emergency.

Contact Chief Jim Davis for more information at 503 970 4512

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