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PRESS RELEASE

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To: All Media Partners

From: Jennifer M. Hansen, Public Information Officer

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RE: The Mono County Sheriff's Office wishes everyone a safe 4th of July!

As the Independence Day holiday approaches, the Mono County Sheriff's Office would like to remind everyone to think safety first while enjoying your holiday activities throughout Mono County.

Due to the extreme drought and fire danger, all personal fireworks, including safe and sane, are prohibited in Mono County. All Mono County Fire Protection Districts and the Mono County Sheriff's Office will enforce a "zero tolerance" policy with the respect to possession and use of all personal fireworks. Fireworks violations will be strictly enforced throughout Mono County.

As you enjoy your campouts and family BBQ's, please remember with the extremely dry conditions, to use extreme caution with your campfires and grills. Only light fires and grills in designated areas, never leave a fire or grill burning unattended, and always have plenty of water and a fire extinguisher available. Please take notice of any restrictions that are in place due to the extreme conditions.

Independence Day is a time to celebrate! As you enjoy your celebrations and parties, please remember to have a designated driver. Keep the many travelers of the Mono County roadways safe – please do not drink and drive.

The Mono County Sheriff's Office has been monitoring open source information from the Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) about potential disruptive attacks to the celebrations of our Nation's 239th birthday. While all published reports address concerns that the threat level is comparable to pre-9/11 levels, there is no known specific threat to Mono County. Sheriff Braun has directed a maximum deployment of field personnel throughout the county for the duration of the holiday weekend. Sheriff Braun wants to ensure the residential, business and tourist communities receive the maximum service to ensure a safe and successful 4th of July experience.

From all of us at the Mono County Sheriff's Office, we would like to wish everyone a very fun and safe 4th of July holiday!

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