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Lafourche Parish Government Urges Caution with Fireworks

As the 4th of July weekend approaches, officials with Lafourche Parish Government urge residents to be cautious when using fireworks. According to a weather station collecting data in Raceland, Lafourche Parish has received a mere 7.30 inches of rain over the past three months, roughly 13 inches below the average rainfall for the same three month period. With little rain predicted for the week of June 26th, these dry conditions can lead to unintended fires as exploded fireworks fall to the ground.

"We're asking residents to be aware of their surroundings on this 4th of July," said Parish President Charlotte Randolph. Ground is so dry that fires could easily start from falling fireworks. Some houses in the parish also still have Blue Roof material, a remnant of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. This material is a thick vinyl material and is very flammable.

Lafourche Parish Government would like to remind the citizens that "bottle rockets" are prohibited by Ordinance No. 3477 passed in 2004. For further information on the parish laws concerning fireworks, please consult the Chapter 15, Section 26 of the Lafourche Parish Code of Ordinances. The Code is available for view in the Council Section of the Lafourche Parish Government's website.

To report reckless use of fireworks, residents should contact the Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office or their municipal police in the Towns of Lockport or Golden Meadow or the City of Thibodaux. Should falling fireworks ignite a fire, contact 911 immediately and report the incident.

"The Fourth is a time of celebration," Randolph said, "we want our citizens to celebrate safely and avoid any possible tragedies."

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