We aren't asking for a complete ban on fireworks. What we are asking for is restrictions/requirements/guidelines. Such as residents need to acquire a permit from Fire Department Chief Tupper, that there be footage limits concerning houses/barns/public areas etc. Ground level fireworks only. No firing fireworks up over someones home or barn or property.

As there has been NO BURNING PERMITS issued in Raymond or Gray for over two weeks or more, it would put a huge concern issue that the ground/wood conditions are very dry and dangerous at this point.

We are asking people to use common sense where fireworks come into play. An ordinance with the requirements of permit and footage distance from other residents, ground level, would be most helpful. It would also give the Fire Chief the yes/no factor and beable to enforce the use of fireworks in our town.

We the people SUPPORT a FIREWORKS ORDINANCE:

NAME:	ADDRESS:	PHONE:
[illegible]	51 Ledgehill Rd Raymond	998-1123
John Russo	51 Ledgehill rd. Raymond	998-1123
[illegible]	115 Deep Cove Rd Raymond	655-2506
Elissa Gifford	546 Webbs Mills Rd. Raymond	655-3399
Ed HANSON	43 PLAINS Rd RAYmond	655-7755
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[illegible]	14 Leavitt Rd. Raymond	655-7059
Sabrina Donnelly	276 N Raymond Rd Raymond	650-0826
[illegible]	140 Egypt Rd Raymond ME	655-4471
Dana Desjardins	64 River Rd Raymond, Me	655-5351
Paul Desjardins	64 River Rd. Raymond ME.	655-5351
Debra Deering	73 Tenny Hill Rd. Raymond. Me	655-9224
Lindley Deering	73 Tenny Hill Rd. Raymond, me	655-9224
Becky [illegible]	73 Tenny Hill Rd. Raymond Me	655-9224

Raymond Fire & Rescue
Station: **RA2**

Location: **341 Raymond Hill RD** **Raymond ME 04071**	Incident Type: **143 - Grass fire**
Lat/Long: **N 43° 58' 43.9"** **W 70° 26' 14.16"**	FDID: **C4150** Incident #: **2012-0651** Exposure ID: **5440750** Exposure #: **0** Incident Date: **11/26/2012** Dispatch Run #: **596416**
Location Type: **1 - Street address** Map Page: **RAYF**	

Report Completed by:	Tupper , Bruce D	**ID:** TUPPERB	**Date:** 05/07/2013
Report Reviewed by:	Tupper , Bruce D	**ID:** TUPPERB	**Date:** 05/07/2013
Report Printed by:	Tupper, Bruce D	**ID:** TUPPERB	**Date:** 5/7/2013 **Time:** 08:15

Structure Type:	Property Use: **931 - Open land or field**		
Automatic Extinguishment System Present: ☐	Detectors Present: ☐	Cause of Ignition: **Cause under investigation**	
Aid Given or Received: **None**	Primary action taken: **10 - Fire control or extinguishment, other**		

Losses	**Pre-Incident Values**				
Property:	Property:	Civilian Injuries:	0	Fire Service Injuries:	0
Contents:	Contents:	Civilian Fatalities:	0	Fire Service Fatalities:	0
Total:	Total:	Total Casualties:	0	Total Fire Service Casualties:	0

Total # of apparatus on call: **6** Total # of personnel on call: **10**

NARRATIVE

Small fire caused by neighbors fireworks going astray crossing lot lines and landing in a pile of leaves. Fire extinguished by occupant prior to FD arrival. Fire was approximately 2 feet Sq, in leaves, FD wet down to prevent re kindle. CCSO Deputy called to speak to the neighbor who is suspected of causing the issue.

Narrative from dispatch:

grass fire started by fireworks

CUMBERLAND FIREWORKS ORDINANCE

1. Use and sale of consumer fireworks prohibited except as specified below.

(a) A person may not use or sell consumer fireworks, as defined in 8 M.R.S.A. §221-A, in the Town or in or from any watercraft within waters of the Town, except that the use of consumer fireworks shall be permitted pursuant to the state statute effective on January 1, 2012 on the following days and during the following times:

July 3rd beginning at 9:00 a.m. and ending at 10:00 p.m.

July 4th beginning at 9:00 a.m. and ending at 12:30 a.m. on July 5 th

July 5th beginning at 9:00 a.m. and ending at 10:00 p.m.; and

December 31st beginning at 9:00 a.m. and ending on January 1st at 12:30 a.m.

January 1st beginning at 9:00 a.m. and ending at 10:00 p.m.

(b) Pursuant to 8 M.R.S.A. §227-B, nothing in this section shall be construed to limit or regulate fireworks displays, as defined in 8 M.R.S.A. §221-A, or the issuance of permits for fireworks displays by the Maine Commissioner of Public Safety or a designee.

2. Penalties.

(a) It is a civil violation for any person to use or sell consumer fireworks within the Town of Cumberland in violation of this ordinance, and any person

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Neighbors, horses and fireworks

In the last week my neighbors set off fireworks that went directly over my barn and pasture on three different nights. These neighbors are close in proximity. One is directly across the street about 150 yards and the other to side is a bit further, but our fenceline is very close to their property.

My horses go nuts. Running, sweating etc. I keep them in the paddock so they can only run so much, but still the first time it had just rained and was really muddy. No one got hurt, but it was the same deal last night.

I am highly annoyed that they light them off so close. One hit the ground last night and came very close to our fence posts.

Any advice? I'm not really sure if I should say anything as I doubt it will change anything. These are not horse people and they have no clue. I'm also not sure what to do with my boys when this goes on. I could but them in, but I don't know if that would be worse.

Guide Dogs for the Blind and Fireworks

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Animals are fleeing in panic; some bump headlong into the next car hurting themselves severely. Others go and hide themselves trembling for fear. Others again grab objects thrown towards them with their mouth imagining they were toys, with the effect that they explode in their mouth; dogs die in the presence of their masters who remain shocked and dismayed ("Dog is killed by firework thugs", Manchester Online, 11.10.2002 http://www.manchesteronline.co.uk/news/stories/Detail_LinkStory=21636.html / "Firework kills family pet", Manchester Online, 11.10.2002 http://www.manchesteronline.co.uk/news/stories/Detail_LinkStory=21620.html / "Vet: Dog Likely Burned With Fireworks", TheIndyChannel.com News, 2002, http://www.theindychannel.com/news/861696/detail.html / "Teens sought after puppies killed by fireworks. Attacks also injured another dog in Oklahoma town", 8.7.2004, http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/5331549/ / "Boys held for cracker in dog's mouth", South Africa 3.1.2002, http://www.iol.co.za/index.php?set_id=1&click_id=13 &art_id=ct20020103202408416F620569). The above description does not stem from a battlefield or an earthquake site: it is the vivid description of how animals experience fireworks.

For us human beings fireworks have become unbearably loud and have resulted to many thousands each year in inner-ear injuries and even in final hearing damage. Many animal species have an extremely sensitive ear and a cracker, therefore, impairs their hearing more than our human ear! Cats hear better than dogs and much better than human beings; they suffer from loud noises at least as much as a person with a heavy headache. A cat or a dog which is exposed to the bursting of a cracker can endure a long-lasting traume, even an irreversible ear damage. Fireworks lasting for hours are an acoustical torture for animals. Bunnies, guinea pigs, birds etc. are easily frightened and can suffer, as consequence of the loud noise, of a heart impact.

Fireworks can release heaviest health damage to animals up to shock conditions with death sequences.

Birds can lose orientation for quite some time because of the unexpected glare of fireworks rockets.

Animals which get too near to exploding fireworks become victims of burns and eye damage.

There are also animals which are hit with fireworks intentionally and thus are severely and/or deadly hurt.

Panic can also create "stomach upsets" with animals or induce over-reactions. Non-acceptance of food, diarrhoe, severe trembling or continuous howling are typical evidences.

It should be prohibited to let-off fireworks in residential areas. But protected zones for birds and wild animals also (like parks and public gardens in cities, forests, zoological gardens etc.) where animals can find safety should in the future be closed to fireworks.

Fireworks and their effects are demanding too much of human beings, of animals and nature.

'Bombproof' horse driven to his death by fireworks

Prince was comfortable in a neighborhood a little north of Joint Base Lewis-McChord. Jets made their descents right over his field, and he kept grazing. The howitzer training and night firing didn't faze him. But last Friday, someone set off three illegal explosives near his shed and drove the bombproof horse to his death.

KATHLEEN MERRYMAN; STAFF WRITER

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After Denise Gunder rescued him, Prince proved to be a skilled and calm horse on the trail. (COURTESY OF DENISE GUNDER)

Prince was the bombproof horse.

In his early years, the Egyptian Arabian carried a girl through state 4-H competition, and carried the girl's father elk hunting in Montana. The father would shoot from the saddle, and Prince would pack them out with the carcass draped over his rump.

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But last Friday, someone set off three illegal explosives near his shed and drove the bombproof horse to his death.

This neighborhood, where I happen to live, is not anti-fireworks. Military veterans, hunters, boilermakers, rugby players, long-timers, newcomers – we've all enjoyed legal fireworks during July's eight-day gunpowder fest in unincorporated Pierce County.

Cats, Video, Animal Cruelty, Cruelty To Animals, Firework Kills Cat, Fireworks, Crime News

A pet cat was killed over the weekend when a firework strapped to its back exploded.

According to the BBC, police officers were called to a neighborhood in Wellingborough, England, on Saturday after a woman and her daughter discovered the cat's remains.

"This is an unbelievably cruel act and we are very keen to hear from anybody who has any information which will lead to the identification of the perpetrators," investigating officer Mark Jones said.

Police say the cat was killed immediately after the firework exploded, according to the BBC.

Unfortunately, this is not the first instance of animal cruelty to make headlines in recent months.

In July, authorities in Arizona rescued a kitten buried up to its neck in concrete inside a metal pipe. The animal died days later.

In September, HuffPost Canada reported that a series of disturbing kitten torture photos, in which a group of men can be seen dismembering a young cat, had been posted online. The gruesome images were first spotted on the Vancouver page of gossip site TheDirty.com.

Last month, an animal cruelty investigation was launched in Ireland after dozens of puppies were seized from two cars. At the time, the Dublin Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals said the disturbing find was likely a "case of animal trafficking from puppy farms within Ireland, destined for the UK."

Young boy hurt in firework accident in Maine

Written by: Accident

July 7th, 2011 Posted in Accident News

GEORGETOWN, Maine – An 11-year-old boy that was injured in a fireworks accident in Maine may have his dad to blame.

The fireworks that the family set off were illegal in Maine. The little boy incurred an injury to his eye after his father ignited the fireworks and a piece hit him in the face. The family was at a friend's house in Georgetown, Maine. The victim and his family are from Amherst.

The name of the victim and his family are not being released. Maine police were called to the scene of the accident just after 10 p.m. on Monday night. The family had purchased the fireworks in New Hampshire before heading to Maine.

According to authorities, the boy's father was lighting the fireworks on the back porch of the house when one of them appears to have misfired and exploded. A piece of the firework then hit the boy in the face and injured his eye.

Paramedics treated the young victim but he was also taken to Maine Medical Center to make sure he was OK.

Authorities are not sure what type of firework was used, but they do know that they were illegal in the state. It was a mortar-type explosive. State laws prohibit individuals from having or using fireworks unless they acquire a special permit. Those who violate the law may be subject to penalties such as a fine of not more than $50 if the fireworks' value does not exceed $100.

An investigation into the incident is still underway.

The Fourth of July is a time for celebration, but it is also a time when many accidents occur. It is always important to stay safe during the holidays, but there are times in which accidents may occur that no one could have prevented. If you or a loved one have suffered in any type of accident, speak to a top accident lawyer right away for assistance.

Accident attorneys care about their clients' needs and will not rest until justice is served. Your paralegal will thoroughly investigate the incident and if anyone was to blame for your pain and suffering, rest assured that your accident lawyer will hold them accountable.

Turn to an accident attorney near you today if you have been hurt in a car crash, slip and fall, workplace accident, medical malpractice case or any other type of incident in which someone was injured. You may be entitled to thousands, if not millions of dollars in compensation and your paralegal will stop at nothing to make sure you obtain it. When you have a skilled legal professional working on your case, you can rest assured that you will receive the money damages, medical care and lost wages that are rightfully yours following your accident.

Contact the offices of a leading team of accident lawyers today to discuss your options and file a claim.

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"(Landon) gave him that beautiful pasture," Gunder said of the woman who provided a home to Prince for nearly a year. "She did everything that needed to be done for that horse. She patted him every day and told him he was beautiful."

As the bombproof horse lay dying Friday, Landon stroked his head. She told Prince he was beautiful, that he was a good horse, a brave horse.

It is a shame some people in our neighborhood don't live up to his standards.

Today it's worth remembering how someone firing off illegal fireworks claimed a life as recklessly as if they'd fired a weapon.

"This was like someone randomly coming by with a shotgun," Gunder said. "It's like a drive-by shooting."

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Read more here: http://www.thenewstribune.com/2012/07/04/2204103/bombproof-horse-driven-to-his.html#storylink=cpy

Fireworks Injuries

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) estimates that in 1998, 8,500 people were treated in hospital emergency rooms for injuries associated with fireworks. About 5,000 of those injuries occurred during the one-month period surrounding the Fourth of July.

Approximately 55 percent of the fireworks-related injuries were burns, and most of the burns involved the hands, eyes, and head/face. Over 40 percent of the victims were under 15 years of age, and about 75 percent of them were males.

In a special study of fireworks-related injuries during the period between June 23-July 24, 1998, CPSC found that firecrackers, rockets, and sparklers caused the bulk of emergency room-treated injuries from fireworks. Large, illegal fireworks, such as M-80s were involved in an estimated 800 injuries.

CPSC compiles information on fireworks injuries from around the country each year. Here are some of the real-life stories of people who have been severely injured in fireworks accidents:

A 7 year old boy lost half of his left hand including his fingers when he ignited an M-80 he had found hidden in a family bedroom. The M-80 exploded in the boy's hand.

Two boys, 8 and 10 years old, received first and second degree burns on their arms when a bottle rocket exploded in the garage at their house. The garage and a car were totally destroyed.

An 8 year old girl received second and third degree burns to her leg when a spark from a sparkler she was holding ignited her dress.

See the most recent report by the CSPC on Consumer Fireworks

Father may be Charged for Maine Firework Accident That Injured Son

July 9, 2011 (NewYorkInjuryNews.com - Injury News)

New Source: JusticeNewsFlash.com

07/06/2011 // WPB, FL, USA // Personal Injury Lawyers News // Nicole Howley

Georgetown, ME — The father of an 11-year-old boy who was injured in a fireworks accident in Maine may be facing charges in connection with the accident. Emergency crews were called to 20 Gott's Cove Landing about 10:19 p.m., where they found the boy with a non-life-threatening eye injury, reported the Union Leader.

In the state of Maine it is illegal to posses fireworks or have them under your control without a special permit. But an Amherst, New Hampshire family had purchased the fireworks in New Hampshire and transported them to a friend's house in Georgetown, Maine.

"The father was lighting off the fireworks on a back porch when one seemingly misfired and exploded, sending pieces of the device at the 11-year-old and causing injury to his eye," the Sagadohoc County Sheriff's Office said to reporters.

Responding emergency crews treated the injured boy at the scene, before transporting him to Maine Medical Center for further medical treatment.

The Maine State Fire Marshal's Office has taken over the case and is conducting investigations into the firework accident.

Maine law prohibits fireworks like "firecrackers, torpedoes, skyrockets, roman candles, bombs, wheels, rockets, fountains." It defines fireworks as any "combustible or explosive composition or substance" used for a visible or audible effect.

Paper and plastic caps and sparklers are exceptions to the Maine firework laws.

About 8,600 people were treated for injuries associated with fireworks in 2010, reported the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC).

Investigations are ongoing.

Legal News Reporter: Nicole Howley-Legal news for Maine personal injury lawyers.

Maine man seriously injured in fireworks accident

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BOWDOIN, Maine (AP) — A man Maine man is in fair condition after suffering serious injuries in a weekend fireworks in accident.

An official says 62-year-old William Sawyer had placed some fireworks on a picnic table to test them when a shell tipped over and ignited all of the canisters.

Sgt. Joel Davis of the state Fire Marshal's Office told WLBZ-TV (sbit.ly/Ny3bul) that Sawyer suffered severe leg trauma.

Davis says Sawyer didn't follow the directions, which say the shells should be secured to the ground.

Man injured in Maine fireworks accident

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STANDISH, Maine—Fire investigators say a 31-year-old man has been injured in a fireworks accident in Standish.

Authorities say the man suffered second-degree burns to his face after being hit by fireworks on Fair Wind Drive Wednesday evening.

Fire officials tell WGME-TV (http://bit.ly/RfXdxt) the man lit multiple mortars tied together, but didn't get out of the way fast enough.

Authorities are urging people to be careful when using fireworks.

Information from: WGME-TV, http://www.wgme.com