

Town of Hull



PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY

July 4th Safety

On behalf of the Hull Fire and Police Departments we want to promote a safe summer for everyone. The 4th of July celebrations almost here we would like to share a few important facts:

- From (1998-2007) there have been 677 major fire and explosion incidents involving illegal fireworks reported to the Massachusetts Fire Incident Reporting System. As a result there have been deaths, civilian injuries, firefighter injuries and property loss totaling 1.5 million dollars.
- On average 69% of the injured were under the age of 18 some as young as 1 year of age.
- It's important to know "ALL FIREWORKS ARE ILLEGAL IN MASSACHUSETTS" which includes class "C" items such as sparklers that burn at 1800 degrees Fahrenheit. Please be careful our children depend on us for their safety.

Another major concern is bonfires.

In Massachusetts the only time in which open burning is permitted is from Jan 15th to May 1st and only after a permit is obtained from the local Fire Department. Bonfire and other types of fires are not permitted on the beach

In years past residents have made numerous complaints to both the Fire and Police Departments regarding fireworks, bonfires and illegal parking. We will be working with the Board of Selectman, Town Manager, and Conservation Commission to promote public safety.

The Hull Police and Fire Departments will be enforcing parking, fire and fireworks regulations in order to promote a safe environment for everyone.

PLEASE REMEMBER:

No private fires are allowed on the beach.

Personal fireworks are illegal in Massachusetts.

Vehicles blocking fire hydrants, crosswalks or private driveways are prohibited and are subject to ticketing and towing.

Police Chief Richard Billings and Fire Chief Robert Hollingshead hope vacationers make Hull their family playground this summer. They are advising visitors and residents to follow local and state regulations while at the beach, especially parking regulations and fire safety rules along the beach.

"We want people to come and really enjoy themselves," Chief Billings said. "Hull's a great place. I want it to be a safe place for everyone. Please follow the rules regarding fireworks, bonfires and parking. Hull Police will be enforcing the parking regulation and other regulations concerning the activities allowed and not allowed on the beach."

Police Chief Billings and Fire Chief Hollingshead say safety is paramount to both of them.

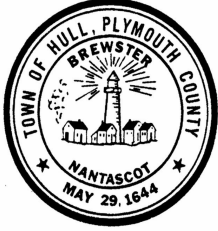
"Last year there were over forty fires lit on the beach," Chief Hollingshead said. "People were setting off their own fireworks. Fires and fireworks are dangerous to our children and raise our risk for property damage. Bonfires and fireworks are illegal in Massachusetts."

Fire Chief Hollingshead said he is concerned about the potential for personal injury and damage from beach fires and illegal fireworks. "Last year an individual suffered severe burn to his arm as a result of illegal fireworks on the beach."

"Most residents and visitors may not be familiar with the local regulations and state laws regarding the use of fireworks and open fires." Chief Billings said.

"Please be advised if you park illegally, drive illegally, light fires, use illegal fireworks or drink alcoholic beverages on the beach, citations will be issued, and fines can be considerable." Said Police Chief Billings

"If cars block hydrants, crosswalks or private driveways or are where they shouldn't be, the owners could come back from the beach and find their cars have been towed" Chief Billings said.



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The Hull Police and Fire departments encourage our residents to enjoy and have a safe 4th of July.

Help Keep Everyone Safe By Following The Tips Below:

- Attend an organized display rather than having your own bonfire
- Report illegal bonfires that are being built to the Police Department.
- Call 911 to report any illegal bonfires that have been lit
- Remember: alcohol and fireworks don't mix
- Keep pets indoors
- For residents near the beach please do not leave items outdoors that could be used for burning. Last year we had numerous complaints of items being taken from porches and yards that were thrown onto nearby bonfires.

Remember; Public drinking, illegal parking, speeding, fireworks and dangerous fires are all instances that adversely affect the quality of life in our community.

The Hull Police and Fire Department will be promoting a safe July 4th holiday.

“Please help us so we can all have a safe and enjoyable summer!”

THANK YOU FOR YOU HELP

**Deputy Fire Chief Christopher J. Russo
Police Captain Robert C. Sawtelle**