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**APPLICABLE FIREWORKS –
EXPLOSIVES LAWS**

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EFFECTIVE:
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Note: More often than not, officers will not know what amount of the pyrotechnic mixture is in an item. Officers unsure of whether the item in question is a legal sparkler or fountain should look at the packaging. If the package reads phrases such as “sparkler–flammable”, “emits showers”, “shoots flaming balls” these are generally legal. Especially if the package indicates that the item is a 1.4 class (UN0336). If the item appears to be a sparkler or a fountain but there is no packaging, then officers should look for a fuse. A bottom fuse indicates a lift charge and renders the item illegal.

III. PROCEDURE:

Common statute violations:

- CGS 29-357: (Sale, Use, and Possession of Fireworks). Prohibits any person, firm, or corporation from selling, using or possessing fireworks, except certain sparklers and fountains. Violation of this statute is a class C misdemeanor. Any person, firm, or corporation offering for sale, exposing for sale or selling at retail or possessing with intent to sell any fireworks with a value exceeding \$10,000.00 is in violation of a class A misdemeanor.
- CGS 29-348(349) (Possession of Explosives) states that any person having in his possession any explosive who does not have a bill of sale or who cannot produce legal evidence showing that he obtained such explosive by a legal transfer shall be fined not more than \$10,000.00 dollars or imprisoned not more than ten years or both for each offense. (See definition of explosives)
- CGS 53-80a (Manufacture of Bombs) Persons other than those engaged in the manufacture of firearms or explosives for lawful purposes who fabricates in any manner, any type of an explosive, incendiary or other device designed to be dropped, hurled, or set in place to be exploded by a timing device shall be guilty of a class B felony. (This would include pipe bombs). Officers encountering such items are reminded to make proper notifications to ensure the bomb squad is notified.

Items pictured below are illegal to sell, purchase or use in Connecticut.



Roman Candles, Bottle Rockets, Fire Crackers are **all illegal** in CT



Novelties: Smoke Bombs, Party Poppers, Snappers, and Snakes are **all illegal** in CT

(If needed, the Hartford Fire Marshall's Office can be reached through the dispatcher.)