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Fire Marshal urges caution, consideration when using fireworks

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NEW BRAUNFELS — Spring rains will allow many Comal County residents can shoot off fireworks this Independence Day, and county Fire Marshal Kory Klabunde urged enthusiasts to be careful and considerate of neighbors during the Independence Day weekend – especially as recent dry weather has increased the risk of fire.

As of Wednesday, June 29, the Keetch-Byram Drought Index (KBDI), which the county uses to assess the need for burn bans and fireworks restrictions, was at 337, which means a person can dig a little more than three inches to find moisture in the ground. The Commissioners Court can enact limited fireworks restrictions when the KBDI reaches 575.

“There is a moderate risk of fire this summer, so I encourage residents who plan to shoot fireworks this weekend to use common sense,” Klabunde said. “Have a source of water close by, and use consideration for your neighbors, especially those who are veterans or elderly, or who have animals sensitive to the noise.”

Residents within incorporated municipalities should make sure there are no local restrictions against setting off fireworks in city limits, Klabunde said. Meanwhile, Klabunde and his deputies are inspecting fireworks stands, which opened last week, to ensure the safety of the operators and their customers.

The Fire Marshal’s Office will share information throughout the week on its Facebook page, facebook.com/ComalCountyFireMarshalsOffice.

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