



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

MEDIA ADVISORY

CON FIRE ANNOUNCES COUNTY-WIDE ILLEGAL FIREWORKS REPORTING HOTLINE

New Phone Line Connects Residents with Local Law Enforcement Non-Emergency Lines to Report Illegal Fireworks Use

CONCORD, CALIF., June 28, 2023 – Contra Costa County Fire Protection District today announced the availability of a toll-free hotline for use by residents to immediately reach their local law enforcement non-emergency phone lines to report illegal fireworks use in their areas. The illegal fireworks reporting phone number is 1-833-885-2021.

The line features a voice menu that allows residents to quickly reach the correct law enforcement number for their location by entering the first three letters of their city's name. It also allows the selection of "unincorporated area" as their location, connecting the caller to the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office.

Use of fireworks of any type is illegal in Contra Costa County and exceedingly dangerous during current heightened fire danger conditions. Con Fire urges anyone observing fireworks being used to report this to their local law enforcement non-emergency line by calling 1-833-885-2021.

Con Fire's Fire Investigation Unit also asks residents to help them fight the dangerous use of illegal fireworks by reporting fireworks sales across the county to the Arson Tip Line at 1-866-50-ARSON.

At 1-866-50-ARSON, residents can leave a recorded message about fireworks sales, or any fire-related criminal activity in English or Spanish. Tips can be anonymous, but all tips are treated confidentially. Fire investigators sometimes need additional information, so inclusion of name and phone number is encouraged.

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About Contra Costa County Fire Protection District – With implementation of a contract for service with the City of Pinole in March, 2023 and annexation of the former East Contra Costa Fire Protection District (ECCFPD) in July, 2022, Contra Costa Fire now provides fire and emergency medical services to more than 770,000 residents in 12 cities and 11 unincorporated areas across our expanded 557 square-mile jurisdiction. The district now comprises 33 fire stations and more than 600 employees. Through our unique ambulance "Alliance," the district delivers EMS and ambulance transport services to much of Contra Costa County. In 2022, the district responded to nearly 100,000 incidents of all types, including 67,000 fire medical emergencies, and dispatched some 100,000 ambulances, conducting more than 75,000 ambulance transports. Contra Costa Fire remains dedicated to preserving life, property, and the environment.

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For incident-related media queries 24/7, please call our On-Call PIO Line at 925-660-PIO1 (7461).