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## **FIREWORK DISPLAY CHECKLIST**

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Date of Show

### ***Before the Show***

- Pre-show site inspection.
- Natural barriers must be pre-approved by the State Fire Marshal's Office (*plan sufficient time ahead*)
- At least 15 days prior to display application/permit must be submitted, including site diagram and shell inventory, by a licensed competent operator.
- Obtain copies of all State Fire Marshal permits if applicable such as transportation, electrical firing board, portable firing trailers, 12-inch shells.
- Within 5 Days of receipt of application/permit, form must be approved or disapproved and forwarded to the State Fire Marshal's Office.

### ***Day of the Show***

- Establish secured area with a suitable barrier such as snow fencing or equivalent (caution tape is not sufficient), natural barriers, as approved by SFMO (secured area must be established and maintained from the arrival of the fireworks until the completion of the display).
- Verify State Fire Marshal permits (transportation, electric firing boards, and portable firing trailers).
- If using racks, determine that the rack placement conforms to the approved site.
- Check racks for correct spacing and stability. Check angling of mortars.
- If not using racks, determine that tubes are sufficiently buried. Check angling of mortars.
- Determine weather and wind condition prior to display.
- Approve the location and type of wooden supply (ready) boxes [DOT shipping containers are not acceptable].

### ***Following the Show***

- A competent operator must insure a search is made for any unignited shells immediately following the display and at the first available daylight.
- Upon completion of the search, a competent operator shall report all findings to the head of the Fire Department.