



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

**FPB POLICY
P-13-7**

**PERMIT PROCESS FOR FIREWORKS
Title 19, California Code of Regulations, Section 982,
Health and Safety Code, Section 12640(e)(f), SDMC
§55.3301(b), CFC §3301.1**

I. PURPOSE

This policy clarifies the fire prevention permit process for firework events that will be conducted in the City of San Diego.

II. SCOPE

This policy applies to the permit process for aerial pyrotechnic displays, stationary displays (set pieces, etc.), and special effects utilizing a pyrotechnic composition.

III. PERMIT

Pyrotechnic displays or special effects shall not be conducted without a permit issued by the Fire-Rescue Department.

IV. PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

- A. The following information and evidence shall be provided: [Cal. Code Regs., tit. 19, §982(a)(7)]
1. The name of the organization sponsoring the display, together with the names and license numbers of persons actually in charge of the display.
 2. The date and time of day the display is to be held.
 3. The exact location of the display.
 4. The size and number of all fireworks and special effects to be discharged including the number of set pieces, shells, and other items. Shells shall be designated by diameter specifying single, multiple break or salute.
 5. The manner and place of storage of all fireworks and special effects prior to, during, and after the display.

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6. Diagram of the grounds on which the display is to be held showing the point at which the fireworks and special effects are to be discharged, the location of all buildings, roads, and other means of transportation, the lines behind which the audience will be restrained, the location of all nearby trees, power or telephone lines, or other overhead obstruction.
7. Proof of satisfactory workers' compensation insurance is carried for all employees in compliance with Labor Code Section 3700.
8. If the permit is for a public display or special effects, documentary proof of conformance with sections 12610 and 12611, Health and Safety Code.
9. A State Fire Marshal's license. No permit for a public display of any type shall be granted unless proper license(s) have first been obtained from the State Fire Marshal.
10. The name and license number of the wholesaler who supplied all items used in the display.
11. \$1 million combined single limit comprehensive general liability insurance policy in accordance with SDMC §55.3301(b). These provisions shall not be construed as limiting in any way the extent to which the permittee may be held responsible for the payment of damages.

B. Provide completed SDFD Special Events Permit Application.

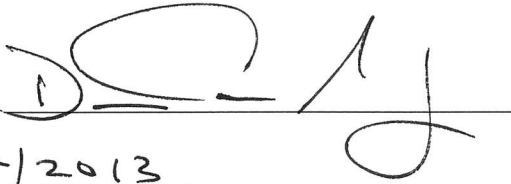
1. Permit application may be obtained at:
<http://www.sandiego.gov/fireandems/pdf/singleapp.pdf>
2. Application shall be submitted to the San Diego Fire-Rescue Department, Fire Prevention Bureau, Special Events Section at least 10 days in advance of display date.

Exceptions:

- a. Applications may be accepted up to one full work day in advance of display for previously approved sites with the same pyrotechnic operator.

- b. Extended period permits for up to one year may be approved by special arrangement when a number of identical displays will be done at the same site by the same pyrotechnic operator.
 - c. All items on the form shall be completed.
- C. Revocation of Permit – The permit may be revoked or amended, and the display shall be cancelled or altered when this is deemed necessary by the fire marshal on duty for violations of law, policy or the conditions of the permit and/or in the interest of safety.

Promulgated by:

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Date: 6/5/2013

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