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Deputies Urge Safety for Holiday Celebrating

Shelby County Sheriff's Deputies want people to make safety their top concern this upcoming Fourth of July holiday. Citizens are especially urged to stay away from fireworks.

Although it is illegal to ignite fireworks in Shelby County without a special use permit, countless people travel out of Shelby County to buy firecrackers, bottle rockets, sparklers and other fireworks.

Deputies will watch for those who throw ignited fireworks into or from a motor vehicle. Additionally, officers will also be on alert for those who shoot fireworks at or near any person or group.

As a reminder of the dangers of fireworks, the American Academy of Ophthalmology reports many people suffer eye injuries every year during holiday celebrations. Some lose all useful vision or have an eye removed due to injuries from fireworks.

Also during the Fourth of July holiday weekend, Deputies and Reserve Deputies will be on the lookout for drivers who speed, drive recklessly or who are under the influence of alcohol and other drugs.

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