

# Village of Los Lunas

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## LLFD TO ENFORCE FIREWORKS ORDINANCE THIS SEASON

**VILLAGE OF LOS LUNAS** – The Village of Los Lunas Fire Chief, Lito Chavez, has announced that the Los Lunas Fire Department will be out in full effect enforcing the Village’s Fireworks Ordinance this Fourth of July Season.

The Los Lunas Fire Department will be conducting fireworks patrols and will be looking for anybody violating the Village of Los Lunas Fireworks Ordinance. Due to high temperatures, low humidity, high winds, and the abundance of dry fuels, firefighters will be especially diligent in enforcing the firework ordinance this year. Fire Chief Chavez states, “Fire danger within the Village of Los Lunas and the State of New Mexico is high, as is evident with all the recent wildfires”.

Chief Chavez wants to remind people that if they plan on using fireworks this season within the Village of Los Lunas, they should first check with the Los Lunas Fire Department at (505) 866-2116 or check the Village of Los Lunas Website ([loslunasnm.gov](http://loslunasnm.gov)) to review the ordinance before purchasing and discharging fireworks within the village. “People think because they buy fireworks anywhere in the county they are legal, but they need to realize that the county and all municipalities have different ordinances and regulations so they should check with their local authority before discharging any fireworks” Chief Chavez said.

According to Village of Los Lunas Ordinance 333, permissible fireworks include; cone fountains, crackling devices, cylindrical fountains, sparklers, ground spinners, illuminating torches, toy smoke devices and wheels. Prohibited fireworks include; Any type of aerial device such as aerial spinners, helicopters, mines, missile rockets, roman candles, shells, stick type rockets. Also prohibited are any ground chasers and firecrackers. LLFD will also be conducting routine inspections on firework vendors within the Village of Los Lunas to ensure no prohibited fireworks are being sold. The valid dates for purchasing and discharging fireworks are June 20<sup>th</sup> through July 6<sup>th</sup>.

Anyone caught violating the Village of Los Lunas Fireworks Ordinance will receive a citation to appear in court. Punishment for violations include up to a five hundred dollar fine and/or ninety days in jail.

The Fire Chief says, "I know everybody wants to have a good time and enjoy the Fourth of July Holiday, we just want to make sure everybody does so safely and within the limits of our ordinance".

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