

# PUBLIC FIREWORKS DISPLAY CHECKLIST

Name of Fire Department Providing Coverage: \_\_\_\_\_

Responsible Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Contact On-Site: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Number of Fireworks Contractor: \_\_\_\_\_

## **PLANNING**

- Ensure that the fireworks contractor has the appropriate federal and municipal permits.
- Responsibility for clean-up clearly defined in contract with professional fireworks company, and is the responsibility of the professional fireworks company.

## **PERMITS**

- Any public fireworks display must first obtain a permit from the chief of the local fire department, or in the absence of a local fire department, from the municipal select board, at least fifteen days in advance of the date of the display. Please refer to 20 V.S.A. § 3132 for more details.

## **DISPLAY AREA (see NFPA 1123)**

- Display area adequate for size of aerial shell.
- 70 foot radius for every inch of internal mortar diameter.
- No spectators, dwellings or parking areas within that display area.

## **DISCHARGE AREA (see NFPA 1123)**

- Distance from discharge area to spectators is adequate.
- Security to discharge area is adequate.
- At least 25-foot clearance to any overhead objects for shell trajectory.
- At least 75-foot clearance between spectator viewing areas or parking areas and ground display pieces.
- Storage of shells at discharge site is adequate.

## **FALL-OUT AREA (see NFPA 1123)**

- No spectators, vehicles or combustible materials located within fall-out areas.

## **EMERGENCY SERVICES**

- Adequate fire protection, fire apparatus and emergency medical service.
- Adequate monitors to enforce crowd control and observe falling debris.
- Adequate communication capabilities between monitors and fire apparatus.

## **CLEAN-UP**

- Display area not open to public until daylight clean up completed.
- Have procedures in place for handling unexploded shells.