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Fire marshal urges caution, common sense when using fireworks

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NEW BRAUNFELS — Recent rainfall means Comal County will not place any restrictions on the use of fireworks in unincorporated areas, but Fire Marshal Kory Klabunde encouraged residents planning to shoot fireworks over the New Year holiday to be cautious.

The Keetch-Byram Drought Index for Comal County is below 100 – well below the threshold where fireworks would pose a significant fire-related danger, Klabunde said. Nevertheless, those setting them off should use care, courtesy and common sense.

When shooting fireworks, residents should:

- Keep an eye on small children;
- Be courteous to neighbors, especially veterans and those with pets for whom loud noises could be problematic;
- Make sure all embers and packaging are fully extinguished before throwing them away;
- Pick up trash and keep public areas clean for others to enjoy; and
- Use caution around dead grass and have a water source nearby.

“Although the fire risk is low,” Klabunde said, “we always encourage residents to do their part in making sure Comal County stays safe and clean.”

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