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Fire Marshal urges caution, consideration when using fireworks

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NEW BRAUNFELS — Fireworks enthusiasts should be careful and considerate of neighbors during the Independence Day weekend – especially because much of the county remains dry, even with recent rainfall, said Comal County Fire Marshal Kory Klabunde.

As of Thursday, June 29, the Keetch-Byram Drought Index (KBDI), which the county uses to assess the need for burn bans and fireworks restrictions, was at 455, which means moisture is more than 4.5 inches below the ground. Although not yet high enough for Commissioners Court to enact restrictions on outdoor burning, the number nevertheless indicates parts of the county remain susceptible to wildfires, Klabunde said.

“Areas around Canyon Lake and Bulverde did not receive as much rain over the weekend, and are still very dry,” Klabunde said. “If you plan to shoot fireworks, make sure to have a source of water close by, and use consideration for your neighbors, especially those who are veterans or elderly, or who have animals sensitive to the noise.”

Residents within incorporated municipalities should make sure there are no local restrictions against setting off fireworks in city limits, Klabunde said. Meanwhile, Klabunde and his deputies are inspecting fireworks stands, which opened last week, to ensure the safety of the operators and their customers.

The Fire Marshal’s Office will share information throughout the week on its Facebook page, facebook.com/ComalCountyFireMarshalsOffice.

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