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News AdvisorySpecial Display Fireworks (Class B) Purchasers

Kansas City, MO – With the upcoming millennium, it is anticipated that an increase will occur in the demand and use of special display fireworks (often referred to as class b) to celebrate the year 2000. Special Agent in Charge J. Robert Switzer stated, “ATF wants the public to know that special display fireworks are an explosive and are subject to explosives storage requirements. More importantly, explosives not properly stored or accounted for are a danger to everyone. Please help us prevent an explosives hazard so everyone can enjoy the new millennium.”

Under Federal Law

- Special delivery fireworks kept for over 24 hours must be placed in a storage magazine that meets ATF storage specifications. This includes fireworks unused in a planned activity.
- You may purchase and transport explosives only within your state of residence unless you have a federal explosives license or permit. Contact your local Department of Transportation (D.O.T.) Office for Transportation regulations.
- You must report any loss or theft of explosives to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms and your local fire department within 24 hours of the discovery.
- You could be subject to a fine of up to \$1,000.00 and/or imprisonment for failure to comply with federal explosives storage requirements.

If you have questions relating to safe storage, please contact the ATF office nearest you:

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