



GWINNETT COUNTY



DEPARTMENT OF FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES

Office of the Fire Marshal

446 West Crogan Street Lawrenceville, GA 30045

GWINNETT FIRE MARSHAL'S PROCEDURES FOR THE USE OF PYROTECHNICS BEFORE A PROXIMATE AUDIENCE NFPA 1126

The Gwinnett County Fire Marshal's Office provides these guidelines to ensure the safe installation and display of pyrotechnics. The most current adopted edition of NFPA 1126 serves as the guide for the proper use of Pyrotechnics.

- Applicant shall possess and provide proof of a valid federal license from the the U.S. Department of the Treasury - Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms for the use of low explosives, unless the product is exempt, classified as 1.4G.
- Refer to Chapter 10 of Title 25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated for additional information on requirements and penalties pertaining to pyrotechnics.
- An application shall be made with the Probate Court in Gwinnett County at least ***ten business days*** prior to the event. Such application shall contain the license number issued by the Safety Fire Commissioner for the person, firm, or corporation that will operate the pyrotechnic display before a proximate audience. Probate Court can be reached at (770) 822-8250.
 - No permits are required from Probate Court for flame effects.
- The Georgia Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner is located at:
 - Two Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive West Tower, Suite 204 Atlanta, GA 30334 (404)-656-2070 (fax)404-657-8542, Toll Free 1-800-656-2298, www.gainsurance.org
- Basic requirements of the Fire Marshal's Office shall include, but are not limited to the following:
 - The Gwinnett Fire Marshal's form, *Use of Pyrotechnics Before A Proximate Audience And/Or Flame Effects* shall be completed (shaded area) and returned.
 - A diagram of the location showing the firing locations and any fallout areas.
 - A list of the number and types of each pyrotechnic to be used.
 - Certification that the set, scenery and all rigging are inherently flame-retardant or have been treated to achieve flame retardancy.
 - A walk-through and a representative demonstration of the pyrotechnics and/or flame effects shall be provided to the Fire Marshal's Office for approval.
 - Material safety data sheets for the pyrotechnic materials to be used shall be kept at the event site.
 - Concussion mortars are limited to a maximum of one ounce.
 - No line rockets are to be used.
- Contact Jim Egan for any additional questions, (678) 518-6121.
- Contact the Venue Manager at the event location for any additional requirements.

The AHJ has the authority to stop the discharge of pyrotechnics, the ultimate responsibility for firing shall be that of the pyrotechnic operator.