

# 4<sup>th</sup> of July!

## Fireworks Safety



### ALL FIREWORKS ARE **ILLEGAL** IN THE CITY OF CHICAGO.

The **DANGERS** of fireworks:

- Children under the age of 15 suffered 45% of all injuries from fireworks. 72% of these injuries are to males of all ages. These injuries include trauma to the eyes, fingers, and face.
- Firecrackers cause the greatest number of injuries, followed by bottle rockets and sparklers.
- Parents can be **criminally** responsible for child endangerment if they permit their children to use fireworks.

**The 17<sup>th</sup> District Chicago Police Department recommends enjoying 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks tradition by attending professional fireworks displays!**

For more information, please see reverse.



## **M SERIES EXPLOSIVES: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW**



All fireworks are extremely dangerous but the **most dangerous** fireworks are the **“M” series** explosives and should be avoided at all costs. Today the vast majority of “M” series explosives are made by amateurs in their garage or basement. There is no quality control and no standards by which these fireworks are produced. Over the last 2 years 13 Chicagoans have lost their eyes, or their hands to these devices. “M” series explosives have no age bias, victims have included children as young as 9 years old to adults as mature as 61 years old. “M” series explosives are also used in armed robberies, thrown into homes, mailboxes, and sometimes thrown at police squad cars.

“M” series explosives come in almost every color and the sizes include:

- M-80
- M-100
- M-250
- M-500
- M-1000
- M-Big

“M” series explosives are extremely sensitive to flames, sparks, heat, friction, static electricity, and will detonate unpredictably.

**If you observe anyone using or selling any type of fireworks please call 911 immediately, it could save a life.**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL THE  
17<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT CAPS OFFICE AT (312) 742-4588.**