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Celebratory Gunfire

Unfortunately during the July 4th holiday some citizens choose to celebrate by irresponsibly firing guns in the air. The Birmingham Police Department reports that the Shot Spotter Gunshot Location System will be utilized to combat celebratory gunfire during July 4th holiday weekend. The system will aid officers by pin pointing the exact location of the gunfire. Additional officers will be on hand to assist the overlapping patrol shifts address the citizen reports and Shot Spotter System indications of those persons who choose to participate in the reckless behavior of firing guns during the holiday.

The Birmingham Police Department would like to remind the public that celebratory gunfire is illegal and causes damage to homes and other property. Celebratory gunfire can also injure people and animals. It can also fatally wound people even if they are indoors.

Officers at all police precincts are distributing additional information to the public on the dangers of celebratory gunfire. The Birmingham Police Department ask that everyone remain safe and celebrate responsibly by not firing guns during the July 4th holiday weekend.

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