





NEW YORK STATE
DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor

Jerome M. Hauer, Commissioner

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Commissioners and Agency Heads

FROM: Jerome M. Hauer, Commissioner 
Bryant D. Stevens, State Fire Administrator 

SUBJECT: Fireworks/Pyrotechnics Permits on State Property

DATE: July 23, 2013

With the enactment of Chapter 127 of the Laws of 2013, the New York State Office of Fire Prevention and Control (OFPC) has been designated as the State's permitting authority for the display of fireworks and use of pyrotechnics on State property.

Effective July 12, 2013, OFPC is empowered to issue permits and enforce the provisions of Penal Law Article 405. It is important to note that the display fireworks or pyrotechnics without a valid permit is a violation of the Penal Law. State Agencies and Authorities have the responsibility to ensure that any display of fireworks or pyrotechnics on its state property is properly permitted.

State Agencies and Authorities are requested to direct anyone needing a permit to OFPC at: (518) 474-6746 or fireworks@dhses.ny.gov.

Please be assured that prior to the issuance of any permit, OFPC will communicate with the relevant agencies to assure the display or use is supported by the agency. OFPC will also coordinate with the appropriate police and fire jurisdictions.

These actions will further the State's ongoing commitment to public's safety on State property.