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06-11-2026 AGENDA ITEM: 5.2 Fireworks

(Please read out loud for public comment)

Dear Board,

Over the past week San Miguel had several large fires. The next night people were setting off aerial fireworks. Reports were a group of 13 year olds off K and 15th st. Templeton lost a beautiful historic building that used to tower over the town. What a shame it's gone! I don't want that for San Miguel. We obviously have a problem with motors/aerial fireworks here. What are the plans of the CSD, Fire Dept, & the Sheriff to prevent this? There is a divide between those who want to live in a quiet and safe town, and those who say it's their freedom to blow things up. The Sheriff said during 07-24-25 meeting that teenagers were launching them, but because of the Templeton fire she had to stop getting their information and run there. Over 200 calls to the Sheriffs for fireworks last 4th of July for San Miguel. Overwhelming the 911 calls for "Life & Death Emergencies"! "I was really worried those structures were going to be impacted." she said.

Last year the Fire Chief decided to not go and confiscate fireworks "due to an enhanced threat of potential risk to firefighters" and I agree, its dangerous! "We took 100 launchers off the street in 2024 versus zero in 2025" he said. There are many people on the local social media groups who said that they will be lighting off more this year! It would be helpful if the CSD directed the Fire Chief to publicly come out and ask the community to not light fireworks because it endangers his firefighters and our community.

I personally want what is best for San Miguel. I want it safe from this increased fire risk that is putting the firefighters in danger. I agree with the Fire Chief! I think the Sheriff needs to enforce it more and not let these criminals keep putting us all in danger.

Maybe the Sheriff and the Fire Chief can do a PSA together. That would be a good look for them both and the CSD. Do a little video like other communities have done. That would be great PR!

Sadly what will happen when a garage blows up from storing these explosives? If the firefighters are putting out a house fire and a stockpile of motors/ explosives go offthat could seriously hurt them. Then who will be able to take their spot as they heal or worse? I support the firefighters, they put their lives on the line every day! For the record I have no issues with Firefighters or the Fire Dept. Why would some members of our town want to

endanger their lives more? I know this vote is about “safe and sane” fireworks but I think if we do not have them being lit off, then the Sheriffs can do their job and “Find & Fine” those setting off these dangerous ones. As stated at the July 2025 meeting, this has been a problem for 20 years! I think it's time to act!

Please vote for the safety of San Miguel and pass this. Thank you for your time. We should all work together to keep this town safe!

-Shaunna , San Miguel resident