Fireworks permit applications to transition to online-only starting Dec. 15

LĪHU‘E – Kaua‘i Fire Department officials announce that fireworks permit applications will be available online only, starting Dec. 15.

The public is advised that officials are not accepting permit applications before Dec. 15. Further details on the new application process will be announced in the coming days.

“Transitioning to an electronic platform was made to enhance COVID-19 precautions, save paper, and allow customers to apply at their convenience,” said KFD Fire Prevention Capt. Jeremie Makepa. “It will also create a more efficient system for our personnel and improve our data collection.”

The cost of a fireworks permit remains at $25. Applicants must be at least 18 years old.

Officials remind the public that fireworks and firecrackers may only be ignited on private property between 9 p.m. on Dec. 31 and 1 a.m. on Jan. 1.

Only licensed pyro-technicians with proper permits are authorized to ignite aerial fireworks.

Although the following items are classified as fireworks, no permit is required to purchase them: snakes, sparklers, fountains, cylindrical or cone fountains, whistles, toy smoke devices, wheels and ground spinners, and other similar products.
The Kaua’i Fire Department reminds the public that it is illegal to set off fireworks on public property, including streets, sidewalks, or parks. Removing the powder or pyrotechnic contents from any firework is prohibited.

The public is advised that all aerial luminaries, also known as flying lanterns or flying luminaries, are prohibited in the State of Hawai’i, per HRS 132-19.

Captain Makepa advises everyone to exercise caution when igniting fireworks, follow listed instructions, and be sure that children are under adult supervision at all times.

For more information about fire safety, please contact the Fire Prevention Bureau at 241-4985.

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