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The Dangers of Fireworks: A fireworks safety demonstration

What: Leave the fireworks show to the professionals – that is the important message from Wayne County Executive Robert A. Ficano who is deeply concerned about the upward trend in firework injuries. In 2007, U.S. hospital emergency rooms treated an estimated 9,800 people for fireworks related injuries; 56% of 2007 emergency room fireworks-related injuries were to the extremities and 36% were to the head. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) will demonstrate the dangers of illegal fireworks to more than 100 children from the Oakgrove AME Church Summer Youth Academy from Detroit.

Who: Wayne County Executive Robert A. Ficano
ATF Special Agent Donald Dawkins.

Where: Bell Creek Park in Redford Township (Off of Inkster Road and 5 mile).

When: Tuesday, June 30, 2009 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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