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## Senate Bill Update on Firework Seizures and Management

Senate Bill 277 was signed into law by Governor Newsom on September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022. The new statute allows the CAL FIRE-Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) to "manage" seized fireworks. Specifically, the State Fire Marshal is allowed to utilize the fireworks for safety, education, training, testing, and enforcement purposes. The new statute also prohibits the State Fire Marshal from repurposing, transferring, or selling seized fireworks.

## **Changes for local fire departments**

The changes will not affect the process for the local fire departments to have their seized fireworks collected by OSFM. Local fire departments need to continue to complete the Fireworks Seizure Information form.

Fire departments and law enforcement agencies can schedule their collection by following the instructions found at the <u>Seized Fireworks Collection Instructions</u>.

Licensed pyrotechnic operators shall submit the <u>Post-Display Report</u> to the OSFM within 10 working days of a public display as required by Title 19, Section 1005(a).

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