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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: Thursday, May 29, 2025

The Mt. Vernon Fire Department will be conducting both in-person and online Consumer Fireworks Training for anyone that is interested in obtaining a consumer fireworks training certification card. This certification is required by law to purchase, possess, and/or display 1.4G consumer fireworks in the State of Illinois. This certification is required by law to purchase, possess, and/or display 1.4G consumer fireworks in the State of Illinois. Covered in the training will be the law pertaining to fireworks, the City of Mt. Vernon Ordinance, as well as the safe handling and display of consumer fireworks. You will be tested at the end of the course and must pass with a grade of 100% on safety questions and 80% minimum on the knowledge of fireworks.

Anyone interested in participating in this no-cost training needs to register with Sara Hayes either by office phone at 618-242-6880, opt.2 or by email at [sara.hayes@mtvernon.com](mailto:sara.hayes@mtvernon.com). A valid Driver's License or State Photo ID is required for sign-up and can be accomplished by emailing a photo of your State-issued ID or Driver's License to her. You must be at least 18 years of age.

### For in-person classes:

Classes will be held at the Mt. Vernon Police Department EOC room, located at 600 S. 27<sup>th</sup> Street, on the following times/dates:

- Tuesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
- Thursday, June 5<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM
- Tuesday, June 17<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
- Thursday, June 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
- Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

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**For online training:**

1. Once you are registered, you will be emailed a link for the training video to watch. This should last approximately an hour.
2. After you have completed the video, you will receive an online link and password to take two tests online. One will be a consumer grade fireworks safety test. You must complete that with a score of 100%. The second test will be on consumer grade product knowledge, and you must complete that test with a minimum score of 80%. These tests will be graded immediately and if you are unable to complete the test with the required score you will be able to retake the exam after a short review.
3. Once the exams are successfully completed, you will be issued a Consumer Grade Fireworks Safety Training card which will allow you to purchase and possess legal fireworks within the state of Illinois. Your fireworks training card will be valid until April 30, 2026. It can be mailed to you, or you can pick it up between 8 am and 5 pm, Monday through Friday at 714 South 42<sup>nd</sup> Street, Mt Vernon, IL 62864.

If you are planning to conduct a fireworks display in the city of Mt. Vernon, you must contact MVFD Administration at 618-242-6880, opt.2 and go through the proper procedures to do so as established by the Code of Ordinances for the City of Mt. Vernon Article 9 Sec. 9.8 Subsection 12: Display of Fireworks., which can be viewed online at [www.mtvernon.com/city-ordinances](http://www.mtvernon.com/city-ordinances).

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bryan Jennings".

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