



# PERMITS & ENTERTAINMENT

## PYROTECHNICS

PUBLIC FIREWORKS DISPLAY (Indoor/Outdoor/Motion Picture)

## REQUIREMENTS SPECIAL EFFECTS PERMIT



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State Law requires that whenever pyrotechnics special effects are used during events or production, a permit shall be issued from the authority having jurisdiction to a State Fire Marshal Licensed Pyrotechnic Operator. Pyrotechnic Special Effects is defined in the California Health and Safety Code, Section 12532 (see section on Special Effects). It is important to understand what pyrotechnic special effects are and are not.

The following requirements shall be obtained from the authority having jurisdiction prior to the issuance of a special effects permit:

- 1) A valid Pyrotechnic Operator's License issued by the State Fire Marshal.
- 2) Only Pyrotechnic Operators who possess a valid 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Class License shall be allowed to apply for a special effects permit. *Pyrotechnic Operator 3<sup>rd</sup> Class is a trainee license and must be under direct supervision of a 1st or 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Licensee.*
- 3) After the Fire Department has seen proof of the license, several points shall be discussed:
  - a) Name, address, license #, phone number, and fax number of permittee.
  - b) Assistant's names and license numbers.
  - c) Special effects activity, location, and plot plan (if necessary).
  - d) Proof of insurance (usually provided by Production Company).
  - e) Conditions [i.e., standby fire safety officer(s), fire protection equipment, area of operation limitations, testing (if necessary), storage and transportation requirements...].
  - f) Pyrotechnic special effects materials list (total quantities of each device).
  - g) Issue and expiration dates.
  - h) Signatures – licensee and authority having jurisdiction.
  - i) Ensure they have a copy on site at all times.