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FIREWORKS INCIDENT

HERRIMAN, Utah

Last night at approximately 11:15pm, one of our Herriman PD officers was conducting proactive enforcement of fireworks violations in an area designated by Herriman City and Unified Fire Authority as Restricted for the discharge of fireworks. Our officer observed a small group of individuals illegally discharging large aerial fireworks in the Restricted Area.

As he arrived to confront the individuals, the mortar-type firework malfunctioned and began launching mortars into the surrounding field. One of these mortar rounds struck the front engine-block-area of the marked police vehicle and detonated in the grill, causing minor damage to the police vehicle. The officer was uninjured.

A separate mortar round detonated in the dry field and ignited a small grass fire. Firefighters from Unified Fire Authority were able to quickly extinguish the fire with no damage to surrounding property.

The adult male responsible for lighting the fireworks was issued a misdemeanor citation for the Illegal Discharge of Fireworks in a Restricted Area.

We love our Pioneer heritage and are excited every year to celebrate with our families, friends, and the residents we serve, but we urge all to strictly follow the safety guidelines established by our UFA partners and adhere to areas of legal discharge only.

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