

## **Claremont Fire Department**

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## \*\*\*PRESS RELEASE\*\*\*

On Wednesday, June 12th, at 14:45, the Claremont Fire Department responded to a report of an outside fire at 28 Belding Street. Car-1 and Engine-3 arrived on the scene at 14:46, finding a partially extinguished fire approximately 3 feet from the front of the residence. The fire was fully extinguished by the responding crews.

Due to recent suspicious fires in the neighborhood, the Claremont Fire Department investigator was called to the scene. The investigation revealed that the fire was caused by the improper use of fireworks. Consequently, the state fire marshal requested. Upon arrival and further investigation, it was confirmed that fireworks were indeed the cause of the fire.

The Claremont Fire Department reminds all residents that the use of fireworks within the city is prohibited, unless a permit is issued by City Hall (noise ordinance.) Furthermore, you must be 21 years of age or older to possess fireworks. They may be displayed on private property with the written consent of the owner or in the owner's presence. Also, all safety precautions by the specific firework manufacturer shall be followed. Please report any unsafe fireworks practices to the Claremont Police or Fire Department.

James Chamberlain Chief of Department