



# ***PRESS RELEASE***

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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **New Year's Eve safety warning**

*Police warn: Celebration shooting is illegal and dangerous!*

Riverside, CA -- The Riverside Police Department reminds all members of the community to please be responsible and do not fire a gun in a reckless manner, to ensure a safe New Year's Eve for all.

In Riverside, we want everyone to have a safe holiday celebration. Some people celebrate by shooting firearms into the air. Shooting a firearm is strictly illegal in Riverside, or any urban area of California. The sound of shooting may be misunderstood, and it can be very, very dangerous. What goes up must come down, somewhere. Even celebration shooting can cause tragedy.

The following facts are provided for the safety of the entire Riverside community:

- It is extremely hazardous to shoot guns in the city and surrounding areas and it is also a Felony, punishable by time in prison!
- The reckless shooter of a gun can be arrested, sentenced to prison and lose possession of their firearms forever!
- Reckless and unnecessary shooting can cause serious injury or even death!
- Reports of celebrative gunfire and resulting injuries are a drain on the resources of the Riverside Police and Fire Departments and might make them unavailable to respond to other emergency calls!

The Riverside Police Department is urging the continued support of the entire community in stopping this type of celebration and in persuading their friends and loved ones to not endanger others by firing guns on New Year's Eve.

If you witness someone firing a gun, call 911 and report the activity. The person answering the telephone will ask questions on behalf of the officers responding to your call. Please give them as much information as possible about the shooting, and the person doing the shooting, so the officer can quickly and safely resolve the incident. Extra officers and supervisors will be assigned to patrol New Year's Eve.

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# **NEW YEAR'S EVE**

## **Don't Endanger Your Loved Ones**

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

It is extremely hazardous to shoot guns in our City and it is also a FELONY!

Shooters can be arrested, sentenced to prison and lose possession of their firearms forever!

It can cause serious injury or even death!

It can cause damage and interruption to utility services!

The Riverside Police Department is urging the continued support of the entire community. Please join us in persuading the residents of our City not to endanger people by firing guns on New Year's Eve.



**If you see a person shoot a gun, REPORT IT!**  
**Call 911 and give the operator as much information as possible about the shooting. You may save someone's life.**



**THE LIFE YOU SAVE  
MAY BELONG  
TO SOMEONE YOU LOVE**

# ESTE AÑO NUEVO, NO PONGA EN PELIGRO A SUS QUERIDOS

## ¿SABÍA USTED QUE?

Es muy peligroso disparar armas de fuego en nuestra ciudad y también es un CRIMEN.

Los que disparen armas de fuego pueden ser arrestados, encarcelados y pueden perder sus armas para siempre.

El disparo de armas de fuego puede causar heridas graves y hasta matar a gente inocente.

Puede causar daño o interrupción de servicios públicos.

El departamento de Policía de la Ciudad de Riverside está pidiéndole a la comunidad a unirse con nuestra Ciudad para no poner en peligro a nuestra familia y amistades y no disparar armas de fuego al cielo fin de año.



**Si usted observa a alguien disparar un arma de fuego este fin de año, ¡REPORTELO! Llame a 911 y dele a la operadora toda la información posible.**



**¡LA VIDA QUE SE PUEDE  
SER LA DE  
UNA PERSONA QUERIDA!**