I. PURPOSE & INTENT

National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standard 1, NFPA Life Safety Code 101 and the Florida State Fire Marshal’s Office regulates the provisions and use of Fireworks and Pyrotechnics in the State of Florida. The current adopted Florida Fire Prevention Code also references the use of NFPA 1123 for fireworks displays, NFPA 1124 for storage and transportation of fireworks and NFPA 1126 to regulate the use of pyrotechnics before a proximate audience.

This policy outlines requirements for those who plan to have a fireworks display or use pyrotechnic special effects as part of an activity on any USF location. The policy is set forth to minimize the potential for accidents, injuries, and legal liabilities.

II. STATEMENT OF POLICY

Roles and responsibilities for the use of fireworks and pyrotechnics displays as part of an activity on any USF location are as follows:

A. Environmental Health and Safety and the State Fire Marshal shall provide supervision and guidance to fireworks operators prior to setting up the display, during discharge of the fireworks, and after discharge to assist in a determination that the launch area is safe.
B. Environmental Health and Safety, law enforcement agencies, and the State Fire Marshal are authorized to suspend or terminate a fireworks display or pyrotechnic effects production when it is a safety hazard or risk to students, employees, visitors, or property.

C. Organizations, groups, and individuals sponsoring outdoor public displays of fireworks, or interior pyrotechnics displays associated with theatrical or entertainment productions shall comply with USF procedures, as well as all applicable federal, state, and local requirements. Contracts for firework displays on property under the control of USF shall stipulate that the firms/individuals providing fireworks or pyrotechnic displays meet all USF requirements plus applicable regulatory requirements pertaining to licensure and permits, certifications of competency, and display methods.

D. Random use of fireworks or pyrotechnic effects is prohibited on property controlled by USF.

*Current Responsible Office: Administrative Services

*Refer to the appropriate Responsible Office website for a current name of the Vice President or other Responsible Officer.