I. PURPOSE & INTENT

National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standard 1123 and the state of Florida Fire Marshal’s Office rules and regulations regulate Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Displays. NFPA 1124 regulates the storage and transportation of fireworks.

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 of the USF system locations. 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 of the USF system locations 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 system procedures, as well as all applicable federal, state, and local requirements. Contracts for firework displays on property under the control of the USF system shall stipulate that the firms/individuals providing fireworks or pyrotechnic displays meet all USF system 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 the USF system.

*Current Responsible Office: Administrative Services

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