Kern County Fire Department
Fire Prevention
5642 Victor St Bakersfield, CA 93308
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Motion Picture, Television, Commercial, and Related Production Filming, Pyrotechnical and Special Effects Permit Requirements

Please include completed <u>Standby Request Form & Application for Permit</u> (KCFD 200) with submittal

Filming, Movie Shoots, Pyrotechnical and Special Effects Permit
Fee Amount: $70.00
Fee Code: 2.8

Fire Safety Officer
Fee Amount: $85.00 per hour/2 hour minimum

1. Permits for Motion picture, television, commercial, and related production filming pyrotechnical and special effects. Shall be applied for at 5642 Victor St., Bakersfield, CA 93308.

2. Fee shall be submitted at time of application submittal. Make check payable to <u>Kern County Fire Department</u>.

Motion picture, television, commercial and related production filming--Pyrotechnical and special effects. To use pyrotechnic special effects, open flame, hotwork, use of flammable or combustible liquids and gases, dust, welding, and the parking of motor vehicles in any building or location used for the purpose of motion picture, television, and commercial production. Motion picture, television, commercials, and related productions outside of an approved production facility. Applicant is required to pay the permit fee prior to permit issuance.

<u>Fire Safety Officer (FSO) Oversight</u>

A Fire Safety officer(s) is required when film activities present a <u>moderate degree</u> of risk of fire and life-safety exposure to the public or environment during the following productions:

1. <u>Pyrotechnics</u> in all areas where explosives such as Black Powder, Lifters, Prima Cord (D.O.T. Class A), lightning machines, LPG, Lycopodium, Magnesium, or Aluminum are used.
2. <u>Open-Flame Effects</u> in all areas where open-flame effects such as simulated structure fires, vehicle fires, and body burns are used.
3. <u>High Fire Hazard Severity Zone</u> in proximity to flammable vegetation (brush/grass) when heat producing equipment and/or special effects are used.
4. <u>Aircraft Landings</u> when related to filming as required by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).
5. <u>Stunts</u> in public view that may cause congregation or impair fire access.

6. Any Outdoor areas where fire lanes, fire access roads, public streets/roads are closed or blocked (Not in High Fire Hazard Severity Zone).
7. Interior Locations when cast and crew are 49 or greater.
8. Production Tents or Canopy 400 sq feet or greater.
9. Open-Flame Effects
   - LPG or natural gas fueled practical stoves, fireplaces, and campfires.
   - Small fire effects: torches and lanterns.
   - FSO Captain will evaluate the event for specific use of candles, matches, and cigarettes.
10. **Pyrotechnic Special Effects Permit Requirements**
    1. Certificate of liability insurance.
    2. Copy of California Pyrotechnic Operator, Special Effects license
    3. Storage in magazine
    4. Proposed activity
    5. Water truck if necessary
11. **Electrical and lighting**
    1. Generators grounded
    2. Combustible material kept clear of light fixtures

The FSO Captain will retain the prerogative to increase or decrease life safety oversight requirements based on predicted climate conditions or the extent of production activities.

Additional Requirements: _____

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