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## ***NEWS RELEASE***

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### **Fire department to hold class on pyrotechnics**

*Theaters that use indoor pyrotechnics must be state licensed*

The Branson Fire Department will be conducting a course on the safe use of indoor pyrotechnics used before a live audience to prepare theater owners, operators and pyrotechnic technicians for testing to receive a license through the Missouri Division of Fire Safety.

State law requires pyrotechnic or special effect operators to attend a certified training program, test their knowledge on the use of indoor pyrotechnics, and obtain a license. In addition, all theaters using indoor pyrotechnics must apply for and secure a permit from the Branson Fire Department.

The four-hour course will be presented on Friday, February 19, 2010 at 8:30 a.m. There is a \$25 registration fee for the course, and after completion, applicants will be required to successfully pass a written test given by the Missouri Fire Marshal's office, which will be scheduled at a later date.

The course will be held at Fire Station 1 on Highway 76, and it will also be available to currently licensed pyrotechnic operators to obtain required continuing education credits.

To register for the course or for additional information, contact the Branson Fire Department at 337-8582. Also, applicants will need to order a copy of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standard 1126 prior to the class date and apply for state certification testing. This Standard can be ordered through the website [www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org).