



Peloquin, Traci

From: Prasse, Randy [randy.prasse@sfp.state.wi.us]
Sent: Wednesday, July 05, 2006 4:26 PM
To: Peloquin, Traci
Subject: RE: fireworks at State Fair Park

Hello Traci-

My apologies for the delay in my response- I have been out of state on family vacation since June 22nd and just returned yesterday. I hope you enjoyed the holiday with friends and family.

In response to your concerns regarding the "fireworks" sale at Wisconsin State Fair Park, I will respond in bullet point format:

- The items that were sold were not "fireworks" by definition- nothing exploded or was shot into the air. The items sold were "snakes, sparklers, and caps"
- We received a legal opinion from Dept. of Justice and they concurred with our position and indicated that the items fell within state statutes, the state would have no liability and no permits were necessary
- The cities of West Allis and Milwaukee both approved the list of items that were sold

We will likely not have this sale in future years. I say this because although it was legal and it was an excellent vendor with solid references, we would prefer to not receive publicity that accompanies it- the court of public opinion wins one.

I trust this response sufficiently answers any questions about the matter for Rep. Toles and that she will be able to respond to her constituent(s) who had the concern. Again, my apologies for my delayed response.

Regards,

Randy

Randy Prasse
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WISCONSIN STATE FAIR PARK

-----Original Message-----

From: Peloquin, Traci [mailto:Traci.Peloquin@legis.state.wi.us]
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2006 10:00 AM
To: Prasse, Randy
Subject: fireworks at State Fair Park

Dear Mr. Prasse,

Representative Toles received a phone call from a constituent this morning regarding a segment on the 10:00 news last night on Channel 12 in Milwaukee. The report said a private party was operating a fireworks stand at State Fair Park. The constituent asked our office to look into the legality of this.

Can you give me some background information about this? Does the state allow private businesses to operate at State Fair Park? What kind of permits are required? What are the liability issues for the state if someone sells illegal fireworks on state property and someone is injured?

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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