

## CHAPTER 12

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#### Article I. In General<sup>1</sup>

##### Sec. 12-1. Duties of chief of police at fires generally.<sup>2</sup>

The Chief of Police shall attend all fires in the Town and shall so direct traffic and enforce traffic regulations in the vicinity of the fire as to expedite the approach and work of the fire department. He shall also safeguard property during the progress of the fire.

##### Sec. 12-2. Establishment and maintenance of fire lines.<sup>3</sup>

The chief of the volunteer fire department shall establish fire lines where needed during any fire and the chief of police shall be responsible for maintaining such lines until the emergency has passed.

1. Va. Code Ref. Sec. 15.1-15
2. See Sec. 7-5 of this Code for general authority of members of Hurt Volunteer Fire Department to direct traffic
3. See Sec. 7-22 of this Code as to prohibition against parking in fire lanes

## Article II. Blasting and Fireworks

### Sec. 12-3. Blasting.

No person shall blast or carry on any blasting operations without having first secured therefor a permit from the Mayor. Blasting or blasting operations conducted pursuant to a permit shall be carried on subject to such conditions as may be expressed in the permit.

### Sec. 12-4. Sale and use of fireworks, etc.<sup>1</sup>

Subject to the provisions of sections 12-5 and 12-6, it shall be unlawful for any person to sell, offer for sale, expose for sale, or to buy, use, ignite or explode any firecracker, torpedo, skyrocket, Roman candle or other substance or thing, whatever form or construction, intended as, or commonly known as, fireworks, within the Town.

### Sec. 12-5. Special displays.

The Mayor may order the special display of fireworks by properly qualified individuals under the direct supervision of experts in the handling of fireworks. Such display shall be of such a character, so located, discharged or fired, as in the opinion of the Mayor shall not be hazardous to surrounding property and endanger any person.

### Sec. 12-6. Exceptions.

This division shall not apply to sparklers, fountains, Pharoah's serpents, caps for pistols, nor shall it apply to pin wheels commonly known as whirligigs or spinning jennies, when used, ignited or exploded on private property with the consent of the owner of such property.

1. Va. Code Ref. Secs. 59-214 to 59-219.