Pyrotechnics as Part of Sponsored Events

With the increasing use of pyrotechnics for special events, all insurance underwriters have concern over this type of activity. The underwriters that insure the University share in these concerns.

In order to maintain the insurability of the University the following minimum requirements must be complied with at all times when hosting events that include pyrotechnics:

- Purdue University Department of Fire Protection Engineering and Special Services must be notified sufficiently in advance surrounding the event, and their approval of the event must be granted. You must complete and submit the Pyrotechnics Display Form located at: http://www.purdue.edu/ehps/fireprotection/pyro.html
- Any promoter and or provider of pyrotechnics must agree by contract to provide Purdue and its Trustees with evidence of at least $5 million in comprehensive liability coverage for incidents associated with pyrotechnics. Purdue University and The Trustees of Purdue University must be named as an additional insured on the policy provided by that pyrotechnics vendor. Evidence of this coverage must be supplied to the Risk Management department via a Certificate of Insurance before the event occurs.
- Contracts signed with the pyrotechnics provider shall include the following standard indemnification clause.
- Vendor agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Purdue University, its Trustees, officers, employees, or representatives from and against any losses, costs, damages, and expenses resulting from claims for bodily injury, property damage, or personal injury arising out of Vendor’s actions or omissions in performing work under this agreement.

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