

Scofield Town

Declaration of Hazardous Environmental Conditions

I, Kim Erkkila, Acting Fire Chief of Scofield Town, have reviewed current and historical environmental conditions affecting Scofield Town and have determined that hazardous environmental conditions exist within portions of Scofield Town that materially increase the risk of wildfire ignition and spread.

In reaching this determination, I considered the following factors:

- a. The Scofield area is experiencing drought conditions, elevated temperatures, low humidity, and periodic wind events that materially increase wildfire risk.
- b. These conditions have resulted in dry vegetation, grasses, brush, and other combustible materials that are readily susceptible to ignition from sparks, embers, or open flame.
- c. Portions of Scofield Town are located within or immediately adjacent to Wildland Urban Interface areas where wildfire ignition presents an increased risk to homes, structures, public infrastructure, and natural resources.
- d. Fires ignited by fireworks have the potential to spread rapidly under existing conditions and may result in loss of life, personal injury, and significant damage to public and private property.
- e. Similar hazardous environmental conditions have existed within the affected areas during at least two of the preceding five years.
- f. The ignition or discharge of aerial fireworks and sky lanterns within Scofield Town materially increases the risk of wildfire ignition and spread.

Based upon the foregoing, I conclude that hazardous environmental conditions presently exist and that the prohibition of aerial fireworks and sky lanterns within the affected areas of Scofield Town is necessary to protect public health, safety, and welfare.

DATED this 14 day of June, 2026.

Kim Erkkila

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Acting Fire Chief
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