



**Julie L. Heckman – Executive Director
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Julie L. Heckman is the Executive Director of the American Pyrotechnics Association, the leading trade association of the fireworks industry in the United States. Ms. Heckman directs the overall regulatory affairs of the APA, including the Association's Safety Program. She is frequently cited in the media (doing some 300 interviews a year) relating to her expertise in workplace safety, consumer products and hazardous materials regulations, as well as other fireworks-related issues.

Ms. Heckman has worked closely with the fireworks industry for the past 22 years. Her accomplishments include authoring "An Analysis of United States Fireworks-Related Injuries" (1996), published in the proceedings of the 3rd International Fireworks Symposium. She has served on the Technical Committee on Pyrotechnics of the National Fire Protection Association since 1990, and she serves on the Advisory Boards of the International Symposium on Fireworks Society, and is the Vice Chairman of the International Fireworks Association. Ms. Heckman is also a member of the American Society of Association Executives.

About the American Pyrotechnics Association:

The APA was founded in 1948 and it supports and promotes safety standards for all aspects of fireworks. Its diverse membership includes regulated and licensed manufacturers, distributors, wholesalers, retailers, importers and suppliers of fireworks and professional public display firms. Additional information about the fireworks industry can be found on APA's web site:

www.americanpyro.com