



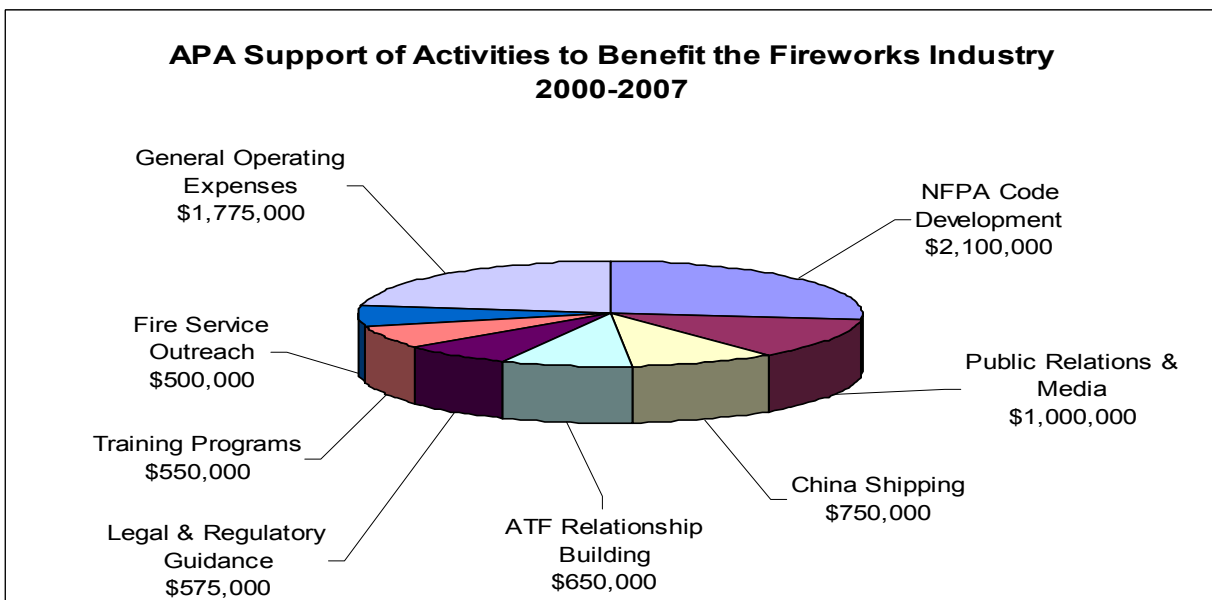
The Benefits of

APA MEMBERSHIP

For nearly 60 years, the American Pyrotechnics Association (**APA**) has set the agenda and determined the priorities that serve the common good of companies and professionals in the fireworks industry. The **APA** has established relationships to link business owners like you with government regulators at DOT, ATF, CPSC, FMCSA, and other agencies that directly impact your business.

No single company could amass nor readily afford the extensive technical knowledge and expertise available through the **APA** staff, consultants, and members.

The **APA** continues to be the leader in addressing issues that threaten the survivability of the fireworks industry. In the aftermath of a series of well publicized industry accidents and the 9-11 tragedy, challenges to our industry have never been greater. Since 2000, the **APA** has allocated significant resources to key programs and activities aimed at strengthening the image of the industry and increasing the confidence in its products among Members of Congress, regulators, the media, and general public.



Now more than ever, with heightened surveillance of imports from China, a surge in homeland security, and potential for environmental legislation & regulation, a collective voice is needed to tackle the pressing issues the fireworks industry faces both here and overseas. ***The APA is that voice.***

But more than just national issues, the **APA** provides a host of other benefits that will assist businesses of every size, contributing to your bottom line and profitability including:

☆ **ON-CALL TECHNICAL & REGULATORY COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE**

☆ **COMMUNICATION EXPERTISE IN TIMES OF CRISIS MANAGEMENT**

☆ **24-HOUR EMERGENCY RESPONSE SYSTEM – AS REQUIRED BY DOT**

☆ **SAFETY TRAINING & EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS**

☆ **INFORMATION – NEWSLETTERS, EMAILS, AND SPECIAL ALERTS**

☆ **MEMBERS' ONLY SECTION OF THE **APA** WEBSITE**

☆ **BUSINESS NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES**

☆ **DISCOUNTED PUBLICATIONS TO MEET YOUR REGULATORY COMPLIANCE NEEDS**

Six decades ago, the founders of the American Pyrotechnics Association recognized the value in working together to preserve and restore the American tradition of celebrating with fireworks. Since that time, the **APA** has grown to over 250 members and, like the industry it represents, has become international in scope.

Then, as today, members of the **APA** recognized that unity and cooperation are critical to effectively dealing with the array of challenges impacting the way we do business. By encouraging safety in design and use of all types of fireworks and by promoting reasonable regulation of the industry, we can each do our part in securing the future viability of our industry. We invite you to join the **APA** and help us in our mission to preserve, protect, and promote the American tradition of fireworks.

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