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2012 New Year's Eve

No Celebratory Shooting Campaign

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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In preparation for New Years Eve, the City of Ocoee Police Department would like to remind its citizens to celebrate safely and responsibly and wishes to remind citizens that celebratory gunfire is dangerous and illegal.

People involved in celebrating New Year's Eve by discharging their firearms do not realize the danger posed by their actions. It is commonly known that what goes up must come down. A bullet fired up into the air will come down. During the celebrations associated with the New Year's Eve, this is sometimes forgotten. A bullet can travel as much as two miles or more and when it comes down, it can kill.

Shooting a gun into the air is a crime punishable by up to a year in prison and the City of Ocoee Police will prosecute all violators to the fullest extent of the law. Weapons are subject to being forfeited to police. If a person is injured, the penalties get much higher and if a death results, you will be charged with their death.

The Ocoee Police Department asks that if anyone sees someone fire a gun in the air, to immediately call 911.

Celebrate the holiday safely and responsibly. Don't fire guns into the air.

REMEMBER, WHAT GOES UP MUST COME DOWN!