

# Press Release

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## National Fireworks Association Brings Trade Show to Springfield and Rogersville in 2010

Springfield, Mo.—The National Fireworks Association will have its 11<sup>th</sup> annual Trade Show Expo on Sept. 7-12, 2010, at the University Plaza Hotel in Springfield, with fireworks demonstrations at the Rogersville Sports Complex and Park.

The National Fireworks Association is an organization composed of individuals and companies dedicated to the safe use of fireworks. Formed in 1992 through the foresight of President Emeritus Cameron Starr, the NFA goal is to protect the rights of individuals and companies to utilize and enjoy fireworks. The group represents individuals and industry to the various federal and state agencies regulating fireworks. Safety is a key concern.

NFA has a representative that holds a seat on the National Fire Protection Association Committee for pyrotechnics and ensures that reasonable regulations to protect those that utilize fireworks allow the freedom to pursue the pyrotechnic art. In addition, NFA Secretary, Nancy Blogin, holds a position on the board of directors for the National Council on Fireworks Safety.

Rogersville and Springfield businesses will feel the impact of the arrival of the NFA. The group currently has more than 500 in attendance and has grown by more than 25 per cent annually over the past few years. It is host to international pyrotechnic companies as well as US based companies. Last year, the conference had guests from 35 states and 5 foreign countries.

During the group's stay at Springfield, activities will include multiple trade and industry seminars, product trade shows, sightseeing tours, nightly product demonstrations and evening socials for members and companies that attend from as far away as China. A fantastic fireworks display and competition also is planned and the City of Rogersville is planning a festival around this event that is open to the public.

The Board of Directors is eager to bring the Expo to such a beautiful area in the center of the United States, said Nancy Blogin, NFA secretary.