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## City officials have a message for holiday revelers: random gunfire kills

**Dallas** – Every year, lives are lost and families are devastated by random gunfire. This holiday season, Dallas residents are again reminded about the tragedies that can result by recklessly firing weapons into the air. Unfortunately, these celebratory bullets often come down on innocent men, women and children.

Dallas Police remind residents that those who fire into the air will face jail time or major fines. So far this year the City has reported more than 14,000 incidents of random gunfire.

“The holidays should be celebrated safely with family and friends, not by firing a deadly weapon into the air,” said Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Elba Garcia. “This dangerous tradition has become a public safety concern for the entire City and we urge residents to think of their neighbors; don’t engage in this reckless behavior. Let’s all do our part to make this holiday season safe for everyone.”

Here’s what residents can do to help:

- Keep firearms locked and secured at all times
- Call 9-1-1 immediately to report illegal possession or discharge of firearms
- Spread the word about the dangers of random gunfire.

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