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### CHAMBER ISSUES FIREWORKS STATEMENT

The Montauk Chamber of Commerce reports that a malfunction at last week's fireworks on July fourth in Montauk caused an abbreviated show, according to Laraine Creegan, the chamber's executive director.

Stated Philip Grucci, chief executive of Fireworks by Grucci, the event producer, in a letter to the chamber, "an aerial shell malfunctioned during the show and, unfortunately, this low breaking device occurred near the electrical firing system which in turn, burned and destroyed an electrical component of our firing system network. Our team worked feverishly...they were unable to fully correct the problem during the performance."

"We regret that our audience received a less than spectacular show and feel it is important for our visitors and members to know exactly what happened," said Creegan. "We thank everyone for their support and understanding and we look forward to producing a flawless show for all to enjoy next year."

Creegan said it was the thirteenth year of Fireworks by Grucci and it was the first malfunction. The chamber has produced fireworks in Montauk for 21 years.

*Montauk Chamber of Commerce is a member business organization dedicated to providing community leadership for developing and sustaining a sound economy, primarily through responsible tourism, for Montauk, NY. It provides leadership in the creation of constructive community action and a forum for the exchange of ideas and information for the betterment and care of the hamlet.*

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