

Oceanside Fire Department

Blasting Policy

1. CITY OF OCEANSIDE BUSINESS LICENSE REQUIRED. Call the Business License Department at 760-435-3878.
2. COPY OF BLASTER'S LICENSE: Provide copy of Blaster's License (from the State of California Division of Occupational Safety and Health) for all blasters who may be performing blasting operations on site.
3. COPY OF EXPLOSIVE PERMIT FROM SDSO.
4. CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE: Provide certificate of insurance for commercial liability.
5. INSURANCE LIABILITY: Certificate of insurance for commercial liability shall name the City of Oceanside and Oceanside Fire Department as co-insured. (Additional insured is the same as co-insured).
6. CERTIFICATE OF WORKMANS COMPENSATION: Provide copy of the certificate of workman's compensation.
7. NOTIFICATION: Notification to NorthComm Dispatch Center must be made on the day of and prior to any blasting operation. The number to call is 858-756-3006. Provide the area of the blasting, permit number, start and end times.
8. WRITTEN NOTIFICATION: Provide certification of the notice given to all occupants within 600 feet of the blast area. Provide the name, address and phone number.
9. ENGINEERS SURVEY REPORT: Provide engineers survey report covering the inspection of all structures within 300 feet of the blast area.
10. A sign (size 12 x 24 or larger) with visible and legible wording shall be posted at entry to blasting site with the following information shown below:
 - "No Onsite Storage of Blasting Material Allowed by Order of Fire Department".
 - Name and Business Phone number of Company conducting blasting work.
 - Dates and Times of Blasting: e.g. Monday thru Friday between 1200 and 200pm; from July 1 to October 1, 2025.
 - Name and phone number of Project Manager.
 - Name and phone number of on-site security company. If one is provided. If not then after-hours number for project representative.
 - ** Post the Sign above in a safe location near entry to site....
11. Provide Fire Department and Sheriff Dept. with primary and secondary names and emergency -24-hour contact numbers of blasting company staff assigned to and with knowledge of this blasting project.
12. No material shall be stored overnight on-site. All explosives, blasting caps, slurry and any related material shall be removed from site daily. Contractor shall police area and remove all boxes or other material related to explosives.

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13. Blaster shall provide a letter indicating they will follow State law: CCR-Title-19, CCR Title 8, CFC Chapter 56, and CA. Health and Safety Code requirements in addition to Sheriff, BATF and any other specific laws, rules and regulations.
14. Fire Department may halt blasting whenever deemed necessary for safety measures. This includes red flag days with high wind events, or high heat and low humidity; or as deemed necessary for fire safety reasons.
15. Dirt may be used to prevent flyrock, provided sufficient cover is provided. Chain link material or other matting material may be required to prevent flyrock.
16. Vehicles transporting explosives, blasting caps or related material shall be properly identified using DOT and State Law.
17. A safety representative from blasting company shall be on-site at all times. If any emergency personnel respond for any reason to area where blasting is taking place, the blasting company safety representative shall meet the emergency personnel and advise them location of emergency and that scene is safe to proceed into blasting area.
18. No blasting material shall be left overnight in holes dug for blasting operations. Blasting material shall be used each day and not left overnight in ground.
19. Post 'No Smoking' signs in visible location prior to entry of blasting area.
20. Provide a map of all proposed blasting areas to fire department. Include in the site plan the nearest electrical lines (SDGE), sewer, water lines and any structures. Indicate the type of explosives to be utilized for the blasting operations.
21. The Blasting contractor shall provide at least four, 2-1/2-gallon pressurized water extinguishers on site near blasting, along with two shovels for emergency use. Also, an emergency means of communication (handheld radio or if safe, a cell phone) to relay call to 911 as needed for help.
22. An inspection and an inspection fee will be required for each blasting day. Call the Prevention office at 760-435-4101 to schedule the inspection.