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After taking the time to investigate the barge and equipment, and talk with the crew, I was able to come up with some answers to what happened during the July Fourth Shore Drive Fireworks show.

A six-inch shell malfunctioned during the display which caused several other six-inch shells to detonate on the deck of the barge. Many of our guns and equipment, which the shells are shot out of, were damaged due to the impact from the detonation.

Due to the extensive training of VA Pyro's crew, were we able to determine the problem quickly and prevent further misfires and damage. We were able to take out the damaged section of the display and finish the show with minimal down time.

After the Fourth of July, we were made aware that this display was not an isolated incident for the Fourth of July holiday for other companies around the country. It was reported that there were several other shows that had the same incident happen, causing injuries and damage to property. We are fortunate to say that our crew is now safe with minimal injury, and due to the opportunity of having a barge show instead of a land display, there was no risk to the families and friends of the Shore Drive neighborhoods.

I realize this display was not a show the community has come to expect from VA Pyro. I apologize for the disappointment that this has caused. We are one hundred percent willing to discuss a discount for next year's display in the hope of reassuring the community that we appreciate their business, and want the opportunity to put on a spectacular event next year like it's used to seeing from VA Pyro.

Sincerely,

Ron Silva Jr., Owner

VA Pyrotechnics