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Local Surgeon Moonlights as Pyrotechnician for One of the Largest Fireworks Displays in California

Redlands, CA- Bradley Basinger, MD, general surgeon, at Redlands Community Hospital has a passion for pyrotechnics. For more than 15 years, the surgeon has been involved with fireworks shows in the inland empire.

“Working with fireworks is a lot of fun,” says Basinger. “I enjoy it and it’s very different for my normal line of work.”

As part of the ‘Redlands Crew’, a group of pyrotechnicians in the area, Basinger enjoys the hard work contributed by so many dedicated professionals, staff, helpers and volunteers across the country. Basinger has donated his time during the holiday because of his belief in the great tradition of fireworks on the 4th of July.

"We have thousands and thousands of pieces of specialized equipment that can only be used for one thing, and 95% of it is only used one day a year," Jim Souza, president of Pyro Spectaculars by Souza reminds us. "We go from a few shows a week to more than 400 shows in one day."

Basinger will be working alongside Jeff Martin, a fellow Inland Empire pyrotechnician to create fire and light on the backdrop of the night sky.

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