

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE SAFETY INFORMATION

Purpose: To provide clear safety expectations to ensure a safe and respectful environment for participants, spectators, and emergency personnel during the Memorial Day Parade.

General Safety Guidelines

- No participant may be impaired
- Maintain 20 to 30 feet between parade units
- Parade speed is limited to walking pace (approximately 5 MPH)
- No running between vehicles
- Children must be supervised at all times
- Handouts must be distributed safely

Open Wagon / Trailer Safety (Critical):

- All riders must remain seated at all times; standing is prohibited
- Side rails and a secured rear barrier are required
- Trailers must have a solid, non-slip floor
- Proper hitch connection and safety chains are required
- Do not exceed the trailer's safe passenger capacity
- A minimum of one adult supervisor is required for every 8 to 10 riders
- Loading and unloading may only occur when the vehicle is fully stopped
- No riding on the hitch, tongue, or exterior of the trailer

Driver Expectations:

Drivers must be properly licensed, attentive, and operate at a controlled walking speed. Drivers must avoid distractions and remain aware of pedestrians at all times.

Inspection Authority:

A designated representative from the Fire Department or Police Department will inspect all parade units prior to participation. Any unsafe condition must be corrected before entering the parade.

Emergency Procedures:

In the event of an incident, all units must stop immediately. Notify parade command and maintain a clear access lane for emergency responders.

Automatic Disqualification Conditions:

- **Missing safety chains**
- **Riders standing or engaging in unsafe behavior**
- **No side rails or fall protection**
- **Overloaded or improperly loaded trailer**
- **Unsafe or unsecured hitch connection**

Closing Message:

This event is held to honor our veterans. Please conduct yourselves with professionalism and help ensure that everyone returns home safely while paying proper respect to those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom.