



# SEBRING

## CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

### Parade Rules and Regulations

Our first concern is the Safety and Care of Children, Parade Participants and the Spectators along the parade route. All parade Units are required to be safe, decorated, and incorporate the Christmas theme.

For the purpose of this parade, a Unit can be a Float, Vehicle, Walkers or a combination of all 3, representing 1 Club, Business or Organization.

1. Nothing may be thrown or sprayed from the Floats, Vehicles or by the Participants. Items may be handed to spectators by Participants walking along with the Units.
2. Rider's legs & arms should not hang over the side of any Floats or mechanical Units.
3. Riders are NOT permitted to jump on and/or off of any Float or mechanical Unit during the parade.
4. All Floats should have handholds, or similar device, for Riders who are standing on the Float, and appropriate seating for all others riding on the Float.
5. All Participants must follow directions from authorized Parade and Law Enforcement Officials. This includes all uniform Public Safety Officials, and anyone else identifiable as a Parade Official.
6. Units will maintain approx. 50' spacing between each other, and maintain a forward movement unless directed otherwise by officials, or it becomes unsafe to do so.
7. This is a Christmas parade and no political items/literature can be handed out, or referenced by any parade Unit. Currently seated Elected Officials have been officially invited to participate by the parade committee.
8. Each Unit must clearly display the Group's name.
9. The Parade Committee will be providing the only live Santa Claus in the parade.
10. Only properly licensed drivers with liability insurance will be allowed to operate motorized vehicles within this parade.
11. The Parade Committee reserves the right to approve or refuse entry into the parade.

## **FLOATS**

For the purpose of this parade a Float is: Any displays built on or around a flat bed trailer (hay wagon) being towed manually or by a motor vehicle. Any displays that are self-motorized (traditional parade float). Flat bed trucks and/or Pick-up trucks.

1. All Floats will display their Title, Sponsor, or Organization name on the Float itself, or have it proceeded by walkers carrying it on a sign or poster.
2. Floats must not exceed 12' in width, 15' in height and 30' in length excluding the tow vehicle (which must conform to those size restrictions also). All wheels must have protective fenders.
3. Tow vehicles must have proper tow bars, safety chains and brake lights.
4. Tow vehicles are not required to be decorated.

## **VEHICLES**

1. No Unit may have more than 6 vehicles, and all vehicles must have properly working emergency equipment. (horn, brakes and brake lights).
2. With the exception of Antique and Specialty vehicles, all vehicles must be decorated and include the name of the Sponsor or Organization.
3. All vehicles and drivers must be licensed and properly insured.
4. Walking Participants will walk to the side of parade vehicles and not directly in front of the vehicle.

## **WALKING UNITS**

1. Walking/Marching Units will continue in a forward motion unless directed otherwise by Parade Officials, or it becomes unsafe. Walking/Marching Units will not reverse their direction unless previously approved by Parade Officials.

## **Category Awards**

1. Best New Fire Truck
2. Best Antique Fire Truck
3. Best Animal Float
4. Best Car
5. Best Marching Band
6. Best Marching Unit
7. Best of Parade
8. Best Spirit Award