

Basic Guidelines for Parade Participants

Fort Meade Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade 2017

The following is a list of fire and life safety requirements for parade participants in the Christmas Parade:

1. **No throwing candy from floats or parade vehicles.** We do, however, encourage walking along the sides of floats and giving out candy and toys!
THIS RULE WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED!
2. Riding on top of or outside of vehicles without safety belts or rails is prohibited; no personnel shall be wired or tied on.
3. Fire or open flame on any entrant is prohibited.
4. All drivers of floats or vehicles shall possess a valid driver's license.
5. Exhaust system shall not extend beyond any and all decorations so that drivers or riders are not exposed to carbon monoxide.
6. Compressed gases (such as helium) shall be properly secured and safeguarded.
7. Drivers shall have 180 degree forward vision.
8. Alcoholic beverages are forbidden on any float or vehicle or on the person of any participant. **NO OPENED BEVERAGE CONTAINERS OF ANY KIND WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE PARADE ROUTE.**
9. No discharging of firearms, similar types of noise makers, or fireworks allowed.
10. Do not cling to or ride on the outside of vehicles.

The parade will be led by The Polk County Sheriff's Office. The Laws will be obeyed and enforced. There will be no burnouts, no revving of the engines, or any other reckless or negligent driving. All wheels must remain on the pavement. Participants not obeying the law can be cited or arrested for violations of the law.

Thank you in advance for your attention to these rules and abiding by them...!!!

Please enjoy the parade and Merry Christmas to ALL...!!!