

# RULES FOR PARADE DRIVERS

Thank you for participating in the Effingham County Fair Parade. The parade would not be a success without you. The information below is provided so we can have a safe and enjoyable parade.

1. **BE SAFE. THAT IS OUR #1 PRIORITY.** We're here to have fun; nobody should get hurt because of a parade.
2. There are many people walking in the parade as well as spectators lining the parade route. Some of these people may have on a costume that limits their vision. Always be aware that they might not see you. There are lots of things going on so assume that they are not looking at you.
3. The parade is also loud. They probably can not hear you either.
4. In the interest of safety and to make a more enjoyable parade, **KEEP YOUR SPEED DOWN.** This is probably the single most important thing that you can do to both increase safety and at the same time create a better parade.
5. If you have people riding on your vehicle or on a trailer behind the vehicle, before starting make sure everyone knows you're getting ready to move then **START SLOWLY AND EVENLY.** Do not cause anyone to fall off the vehicle or to fall down.

## IMPORTANT PARADE DRIVING RULES

If you have people walking as a part of your organization have them walk in front of or beside you. Don't go any faster than they can comfortably walk. Have someone walking beside the vehicle and maintain pace with them. Every year we see some driver tooling along while their people on the ground run to keep up. Don't be that driver.

Try to maintain a consistent interval in the parade.

**KEEP YOUR SPEED DOWN TO ABOUT 3 MILES PER HOUR. STAY BACK FROM THE ENTRY IN FRONT OF YOU BY 4 CAR LENGTHS.**

A parade moving at walking speed, with some nice separation between entries is more enjoyable for the spectators. They get to admire your entry, talk to your folks on the ground, catch some candy, and just overall it doesn't feel rushed. Maintain your speed.

If you have maintained your speed, and a gap gets created in front of you **DO NOT SPEED UP TO CATCH UP.** Just maintain your speed, you're right and the guy in front of you is wrong.

If a gap is created behind you, **SLOW DOWN.** You have probably been going too fast.

If the parade stops. When it restarts, **WAIT UNTIL THE ENTRY IN FRONT OF YOU IS 4 CAR LENGTHS AWAY BEFORE YOU BEGIN TO MOVE.**

Thank you again for participating, Altamont Lodge 533, AF&AM.