

Western Pennsylvania Firemens Association Parade Rules & Regulations

Prior to the start of the parade, at the time of registration, each participating department shall designate one individual (usually the driver or OIC) who is present at the parade to act as group leader. The leader shall be responsible for the conduct of all department personnel, and use of fire apparatus. He/she will indicate the category their apparatus is to be judged and to make certain all rules are followed. If any problems occur before, during or after the parade, the Parade Committee shall forward the department's name and the name of the leader to the Board of Control for proper action.

The following rules will be strictly enforced:

1. No candy, gum, or any other items are permitted to be thrown from any motorized unit in the Parade. Personnel are permitted to walk along curbside to distribute items to the parade spectators. Failure to follow the rule results in disqualification.
2. Blowing of sirens, use of air horns, ringing of bells and unnecessary use of radios during the parade is prohibited. Violations will result in disqualification and, if excessive, removal from the parade.
3. No Alcoholic Beverages are permitted on the apparatus in the judging area or in the line of march.
4. Personnel in the line of march and on the apparatus must conduct themselves in a safe and orderly manner. Intoxicated personnel are not permitted in the line of march or on the apparatus. Violation will result in disqualification.
5. The number of personnel on the apparatus shall be limited to the seating capacity of said apparatus when delivered from the factory. Normally Mini-Pumpers and Tankers is two. Pumpers is eight; Aerial, etc, up to six; Rescues and Utilities is four. All personnel must have their seat belt fastened. Excessive personnel on the apparatus or non-use of seat belts will result in disqualification.
6. Obscene actions or words by personnel will not be tolerated.
7. The disqualification of any single unit or more of any department will result in the disqualification of that fire department from consideration for the *Western Pennsylvania Firemens Association Past President's Memorial Trophy*. Any non-disqualified units of that department will remain eligible for awards in that unit's category only.

The *WPFA Past President's Memorial Trophy* is awarded to the best overall firefighting organization in line of the Grande Convention Parade. It can be awarded to a single unit or to an entire department. A fire department can win the Trophy Only once in a four year period.