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FIRST RESPONDERS PARADE APPLICATION

For questions please call 434.946.7874

Date: Saturday, June 24, 2023

Time: 5:30 pm

Final Deadline for accepting applications:
June 19, 2023

PLEASE fill out the form below and return to:

Amherst Town Hall
174 S. Main Street
P. O. Box 280
Amherst, VA 24502
Attn: Vicki K. Hunt

OR

E-Mail To: vicki.hunt@amherstva.gov

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Contact Information

Contact Name *

First

Last

Organization / Group Name

Mailing Address *

Street

City

State / Province / Region

ZIP / Postal Code

Daytime Phone */ Evening Phone / Cell Phone*

To be used for parade purposes only.

Email *

Parade Categories *

Click on the category that describes your group to fill out further information.

- Float - Classified as a truck/tractor/other pulling a trailer or flatbed. Specify size (length including vehicle pulling float):

- General Marching Group or Dance Group. Specify Type of Group and Number of Participants in Group:

- Antique Car Club - more than 2 in group or Antique Car Single. Specify number of cars:

- Car/Truck Carrying A Person or Group. Specify Number of Persons in group:

- Dog Group. Specify how many Dogs in group:

- Horse Group - more than 2 group or Single Horse. Specify how many Horses in group:

- Other Entry - Explain:

Parade Details

Parade Lineup: FLOATS AND VEHICLES: Amherst County High School Parking Lot at 5:30 PM
WALKERS: Library at 5:30 PM

Parade Route: Parade will officially begin at Kenmore Rd, proceed up S. Main Street, and end at traffic circle.

All entries must disperse the parade at the traffic circle (Vehicles and Floats – please be mindful of decorations and articles blowing off into the streets – maintain a safe speed at all times.

Vehicles and Floats: For those that are not able to travel on the highway – designated parking areas will be provided for drop-offs and/or to dismantle.

Walkers: If you have not made other arrangements, please proceed to one of the provided designated pickup areas (staying on the sidewalks.

Parade Rules and Regulations

Please review the rules and be sure they are understood by those who are on your entry *
You must place a check mark beside each rule stating that you understand and agree.

All Parade applications must be in by the deadline to participate in the parade. The deadline is Monday, June 19, 2023.

Entries are encouraged to display the name of the organization and/or business.

Your entry will be provided a division number card that **must** be visible and clearly displayed on the **LEFT SIDE of the parade route**.

- ___ All entries are encouraged to use themes and decorations honoring First Responders and/or Independence Day.
- ___ No vans, utility vehicles, etc. are permitted without tasteful theme decoration.
- ___ No political statements are allowed.
- ___ Units must adhere to VDOT regulations for: Height 13' 6" or less; Width 102" or less.

____ No motorcycles, go carts, three/four wheelers, dirt bikes, buses or tractor trailers (unless the tractor trailer is pulling an entry) are allowed in the parade unless approved previously by the Town Manager. No one under the age of 18 years old will be allowed to drive any vehicle in the parade.

____ No vehicles are to spin tires, rev engines or cause a commotion of any kind while participating in the parade. If this is violated, it will result in your entry being removed from the parade.

____ For safety purposes, Candy or other items **CANNOT** be thrown to the crowd. However, they may be handed out to parade attendees by walkers traveling beside your entry.

____ All dogs in the Dog category must be dressed, on a leash and walk with the designated dog group. Handlers must be equipped with waste bags and be responsible for cleaning up after the dog along the parade route.

____ Town of Amherst and its designee(s) reserve the right to ask any horseback rider whose horse is not under control to exit the parade.

____ No entries will be allowed to stop during the parade. You must keep the parade moving at all times. Stopping and socializing with parade spectators is not allowed.

____ The Town of Amherst First Responders Parade is a family-friendly event for all ages, and every entry in the parade is expected to respect this. All costumes, outfits, behavior, attitude, language, and dance moves must be appropriate for a young audience and will be held to a high standard. Failure to comply may result in being asked to leave the parade immediately with no warning and may jeopardize a group's approval to participate in following years. All decisions are at the discretion of Parade officials and are final.

____ Town of Amherst and its designee(s) reserve the right to disqualify and remove any entry before the parade, at parade lineup, or during the parade due to noncompliance of these rules. Anyone behaving inappropriately will be removed immediately from the parade. This includes entries, participants, drivers, or anyone connected with your entry.

By signing below, I/we agree with all of the above rules and regulations. I/we assume all risk of bodily injury or property damage that I/we may incur in participating in the Town of Amherst Parade. I/we hereby, for myself, my child, my heirs, executors, and administrators do hereby, expressly and forever, waive and release any and all claims against and agree to hold harmless the Town of Amherst, and all their respective officers, employees, agents, representatives, successors, or assigns of any kind from any and all claims which may be made for any cause whatsoever, arising as a result of or in connection with the participation of me, my child or animal in the herein mentioned event. I/we agree to the above Parade rules. In any interpretation of parade rules, the Town of Amherst decision shall be final.

Signature *By signing below, I/we agree with all of the above rules and regulations.

Please print the name of the above signee. *

First/Last

Please Mark Today's Date *

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