



Policies & Procedures Manual

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Policy: Victory Rides/Parade Use

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Coverage: To provide a policy for the use of the Ripley-Huron Fire Department vehicles for non department events.

Policy Statement: The primary function of the Ripley-Huron Fire Department is emergency response, firefighting and associated training. Emergency response vehicles shall be used first and foremost for this purpose and use of the vehicles shall adhere to the manufacturer's instructions and recommendations. The Township supports community participation through the safe use of the 1947 antique fire truck or another emergency response vehicle where alternate emergency response has been arranged.

Legislative Authority: Municipal Act
Highway Traffic Act

Contents: The foremost concern for participation in a parade, escort or similar event is safety. To this end participation of the Ripley Huron Fire Department Emergency Response Vehicles in a parade, escort or other event is at the direction of the Fire Chief and/or Deputy Fire Chief.

Victory Rides for sports teams or any other group are not permitted on any Ripley Huron Fire Department Emergency Response Vehicle or the 1947 Antique Fire Truck.

The term "Parade" in the remainder of this policy includes parades; escorts and any similar non-department related activity in which the fire department vehicle is used on roads that have been closed for such purposes and speeds have been greatly reduced.

The term "Vehicle" in the remainder of this policy refers to both the Ripley-Huron Fire Department in service Emergency Response Vehicles and the 1947 antique fire truck.

The term "Department" in the remainder of this policy refers to the

Ripley-Huron Fire Department.

The term "Member" in the remainder of this policy refers to a person who is employed by or appointed to the Ripley-Huron Fire Department and includes the Fire Chief, Deputy Fire Chief, Captains, Officers and Firefighters.

Requests

1. Any requests for the Department's participation in events will be directed to the Fire Chief and/or Deputy Fire Chief for review and approval.
2. The only fire department personnel authorized to permit fire department vehicles to participate in business other than that, that directly relates to the fire department, i.e. parades, escorts, or other events, is the Fire Chief and/or the Deputy Fire Chief.

Participation in a Parade

1. To participate in a Parade a Vehicle will be taken out of service at the discretion of the Fire Chief and/or Deputy Fire Chief and Mutual Aid will take effect for the time of the Parade event.
2. The Member operating the Vehicle shall adhere to all applicable Parade rules and guidelines provided by the organizers.
3. The Member shall carry a valid driver's licence appropriate to the class of Vehicle, be trained on the operation of the Vehicle and have read and understand this policy.
4. The use of normal operation lights (headlights, parking lights) shall be allowed for the Parade.
5. If the emergency lighting (red, yellow) is being used, caution will be exercised.
6. Once authorization has been provided by the Fire Chief and/or Deputy Fire Chief a Member shall be responsible for the safe operation of the Vehicle.
7. Only those persons authorized by the Member may ride in the participating Vehicle. Anyone riding inside the Vehicle shall be safely seated and available seatbelts shall be fastened.
8. Riding on side boards, tail boards, hood and ladders or in any inappropriate position on the Vehicle is prohibited.
9. Throwing candy or any object from the Vehicle by any occupant of the Vehicle is prohibited.
10. For the purposes of the 1947 Antique Fire Truck only; two adult passengers may be authorized to ride on the rear bed of the Vehicle as permitted by the Fire Chief and/or the Deputy Fire Chief.