

COLUMBIA COUNTY FAIR FIRE FIGHTERS DAY
PARADE DEMERITS

MARCHING:

Conduct or Sobriety.....[Disq]
Banner Position [10]
Officer Formation Off.....[2]
Improper Spacing.....[2] EACH
Improper Formation.....[2] Each
Lines off- left to right.....[2] Each
Lines off- front to rear.....[2] Each
Lines off Center.....[2] Each
Members out of step.....[2] Each

UNIFORMS:

Mixed Uniforms.....[2] Each
Uniforms Dirty Unkept.....[2] Each
Hats Off Angle.....[2] Each
Ties- Loose or Missing [2] Each
Shoes / Socks Unmatched.....[2] Each
Badge Mixed or Missing.....[2] Each
Buttons Open or Missing.....[2] Each
Hair Unkept.....[2] Each
Jewelry.....[5] Each

APPARATUS:

Dirty Unkept.....[5]
Dirty Wheelwells.....[2] Each
Glass Cracked or Broken.....[2] Each
Improper Flag Display. [5] Each
Hose/Ladder Bed Dirty.....[5]
Improper Lighting.....[20] See Rules
Improper equipment.....[5]
Signs or Advertising.....[50]
Other.....

COLOR GUARD:

No Color Guard.....[Disq]
Eagles Turned.....[5] Each
Guard Uniform.....[2] Each
Dirty or Torn Flag(s).....[25] Each
Flag out of position.....[50]
Improper Guard. [10}
Improper Display.....[20]
Guard out of Step.....[2] Each
No Salute to Review.....[10]

MUSIC:

- No Play Reviewing Stand. [10]
- Wrong Notes. [5] Each
- Fake Playing. [5] Each
- Bad Start of Music. [4] Each
- Bad Finish of Music. [4]
- Unsynchronized Playing. [4]**

PARADE RULES-FIRE UNITS

- [1] The parade will start promptly at 11:00 AM. Your location will be marked at the assembly area.
- [2] Any fire unit not in line for the start of the parade will go to the rear or as directed by the parade committee.
- [3] The parade committee will have complete charge of the parade.
- [4] All members of each unit must be on the units roles of membership as active, honorary, life and etc. for the unit to be eligible for awards.
- [5] Any fire unit may compete without fire apparatus or auxiliary See rules 18 and 19.
- [6] All Columbia County and out of county units will be judged in separate categories.
- [7] Members who ride in vehicles who are either charter, twenty-five or fifty year, etc. will be counted as members in line if they are in uniforms.
- [8] Each fire unit or auxiliary must have at least 5 members in line to be eligible for awards.
- [9] There shall be a maximum of three members in uniform on the apparatus. Two in the cab and one on the rear is permissible. They will be counted as members in line. More than three or non members on apparatus will disqualify the apparatus from awards. Only the first apparatus in line will be judged.
- [10] All members will be dressed in company or department designated uniforms.
- [11] A minimum color guard shall consist of an american flag guarded by two others who are not carrying flags. Color guards

who are fire fighters, in the same company uniforms, will be counted as members in line. Fire units and musical units with no color guards will be disqualified. American Flag must be guarded at all times.

[12] A service unit color guard such as military, VFW, legion. etc., may be used in lieu of a fire department guard and all color guards are judged separate. Musical unit color guards are not eligible for Firematic color guard awards.

[13] Any intoxicated marching fire fighter or auxiliary member will cause the entire unit to be disqualified from competition.

[14] All judging will be done on a demerit basis starting with an overall appearance less demerits.

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[15] Judges and marching units will be supplied with a copy of these rules and regulations.

[16] Musical units drilling or performing that hinders the forward movement of the parade will be penalized. This does not penalize or disqualify the fire unit.

[17] Fire fighters and auxiliary must march as separate units to be judged separately.

[18] The Charles Vogel award for Columbia County Units and the Howard A. Ploss award for the Visiting unit for the overall best appearing WITH AUXILIARY will be awarded to the unit that scores the highest average score in the combined categories of FIRE FIGHTERS, AUXILIARY, APPARATUS AND COLOR GUARD. The disqualification of any of the four categories above will cause the entire unit to be excluded from this award.

[19] The Philip D. Mickle Sr. award for Columbia County units and the W.Gordon Goold award for the Visiting unit for the overall best appearing WITHOUT AUXILIARY will be awarded to the unit that scores the highest average score in the combined categories of FIRE FIGHTERS, APPARATUS AND COLOR GUARD. The disqualification of any of the three categories above will cause the entire unit to be excluded from this award.

(20) No Emergency lighting or audible signals are to be used at anytime during the parade unless there is an emergency call. Running lights that are ignited automatically when vehicle is

running are permissible.

NOTE: The judges are in no way affiliated with the Columbia County fair or the committee. They judge to the best of their ability and their decisions are final.

GOOD LUCK AND HAVE A GOOD DAY