

PARADE RULES FOR FIRE UNITS

1. Parade will start promptly at 11 AM
2. Any unit not in line when parade starts will be placed at the end of the parade
3. The Parade Committee shall have complete charge of the parade
4. All marchers of each unit must be on the unit's membership rolls for the unit to be eligible for awards.
5. Any unit may compete without fire apparatus or auxiliary
6. Firefighters and Auxiliary units must march as separate units and will be judged separately. All fire units and auxiliary units shall have an identifying banner or flag.
Note: Firefighters may drive Auxiliary car but will be counted as firefighter.
7. Columbia County and Out Of County units will be judged in separate categories
8. Members in uniform riding in vehicles will be counted as members in line for eligibility.
9. All members will be dressed in their unit's designated uniform. Gloves are optional for drivers.
10. Each fire unit or auxiliary must have a minimum of 5 members on the street for award eligibility.
11. Only a unit's first in service apparatus in line will be judged.
12. A minimum color guard will consist of an American Flag guarded by 2 (two) others not carrying flags. If weapons are carried, they must be uniform as to hand carried. They may change hands, but must do so in a uniform manner. Weapons are not necessary. Guard salute shall be by Units Flag or Banner, Hand salute shall be made by Chief Officer of the unit.
13. Guards and flag bearer(s) in unit's uniform will be counted as in line. The American Flag must be guarded at all times. Units without a color guard will not be scored.
14. A service unit (military, VFW, etc.) color guards may be used in lieu of a fire department guard. All color guards are judged separately.
15. Musical color guards are not eligible for color guard awards.
16. Any intoxicated firefighter or auxiliary member in the line of march will be cause for entire unit's disqualification.
17. All judging will be done on a demerit basis starting with an overall appearance less demerits.
18. Emergency lighting or audible signals will not be used during the parade except for emergency response. Automatically ignited running lights are permissible. NOTE: Lights must be NYSDMV compliant.