

FREEPORT PARADE SAFETY BRIEFING

Welcome to the 2018 Freeport Christmas Parade. We are excited you chose to be a part of this tradition as we enter this special time of year. Please ensure that every member of your unit has been briefed on the following points and adheres to these guidelines. They are critical to the success and safety of our parade for all participants and parade viewers.

- **PARADE ROUTE:** Proceed right from Freeport Elementary School. Turn left on Kylea Laird. Turn right on HWY 20 and proceed past city hall. Turn right at Blueberry Drive
- Units will maintain a minimum distance of 30'. If a vehicle stalls, the parade will move around the vehicle.
- The parade will move at 2-3 mph.
- For their safety, all young children must be seated on/in the entry during the parade.
- The parade includes emergency response vehicles. In the event of an actual emergency requiring an emergency vehicle to drive along the parade route, units will move to the right as safely as possible and come to a complete stop until the emergency vehicle has passed. Units will then resume forward movement keeping the 30' minimum distance.
- **CANDY:** For the safety of everyone, particularly the children, candy **must be** thrown well away from the vehicle and at the feet of the parade viewers. Please be extremely careful when throwing candy and other items. Throw items very gently as not to harm or hurt anyone. Please do not throw items directly at parade viewers.
- All parade drivers are asked to be **EXTREMELY** careful and alert to children and parade viewers. We have made wrist glow bands available to families, but cannot guarantee that all children will be wearing one. Please remain alert at all times!
- No alcoholic beverages are allowed

- The parade is a smoke free event.
- FLOATS: Please ensure your fire extinguisher is readily available at all times

PARADE DROP OFF: The parade will go past city hall. **DO NOT STOP** in front of city hall to offload participants. Proceed to Blueberry and turn right. Units are to pull over to the right at the bridge access point to offload participants. Again, please pull over to the right and have participants offload the vehicle to the right as other units may be proceeding past on the left.