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**POLICY ON PARADES**

On August 18, 1999 the Door County Law Enforcement Judiciary Committee adopted the Policy on Parades. The main focus of the policy is to require person(s) who wish to distribute objects or items in conjunction with their float, to provide people to walk along side the outer edge of the parade route to pass out those items. The requirements were proposed and approved in order to prevent injury to people who run out into the path of the parade to retrieve the items (mainly candy) and the people (mainly children), some which are very young. There have been too many close calls and the frequency has been increasing steadily. The people who are participating in the parades must realize they have a responsibility not to create a situation that is hazardous to these children. The goal for the Sheriff's Office is for people to have a great time but keep everyone as safe as possible.

Another issue that has come up from past parades is the riding on floats to and from the parade. No one should ride illegally on the floats going to and from the parade unless seated in a legal place to ride. Also, people who have open containers of alcoholic beverages or drink with them from outside of the parade route will be issued citations for these violations.

Failure to comply with the policy will result in the Sheriff's Office denying permits for future parades. The Sheriff's Office feels the policy is reasonable and wishes only to make a safe experience for everyone concerned.

Attached is a copy of the Terms and Conditions of this policy.

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Cost(s) incurred (including but not limited to Door County Sheriff's Department employee(s) time paid on a per hour basis) by the Door County Sheriff's Department in assisting with a parade shall be paid by the applicant.

Applicant must insure that the parade does not create or pose a public safety hazard, public nuisance, or public health problem.

Parade route(s) shall use road(s) not sidewalks.

No person may throw, drop or otherwise project any object or item (including but not limited to candy) from any vehicle during the parade.

Parade participant(s) traveling on foot may distribute object(s) or item(s) (including but not limited to candy), provided their doing so does not encourage or cause person(s) to come onto the road.

Applicant must provide an adequate number of volunteers available to assist with the parade.

Applicant agrees to indemnify and hold the Door County Sheriff's Department harmless from and against any and all claims, costs, expenses, actions, causes, liens, liabilities, damages, judgments and attorneys' fees arising from or connected with property damage, personal injury or death caused directly or indirectly by Applicant's acts or omissions respecting the parade.