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2.1.1 ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE, 2023

The Fire Department will march up 5th Avenue on **Friday, March 17, 2023**, to participate in the annual celebration of Ireland's patron saint, St. Patrick. This day is one of celebration for those of Irish Heritage. Members of the Department should conform to the dignity of this occasion and uphold the traditions and honor of the Department. Every uniformed member is a representative of our great Department. All members who choose to participate in the Fire Department contingent shall be subject to all Department Rules and Regulations. As always, cooperation with the parade marshals and Department Ceremonial Officers is mandatory for all participants.

Members marching in the parade shall comply with the following:

1. Only the official Fire Department dress uniform of the season, including official uniform cap or authorized green beret, shall be worn. The uniform shall not be decorated with any buttons, beads, flowers, etc.
2. The uniform shall be properly worn, as per Regulations. Members not properly dressed in accordance with this directive will be given a direct order not to march. Members disobeying this order shall be subject to disciplinary action.
3. Members participating in festivities after the parade, who wish to remain in uniform, shall continue to conduct themselves in a dignified manner and in full compliance with Department Regulations.
4. Members marching in formation are not permitted to break formation until completing the parade route.
5. Chief Officers will be assigned to monitor the conduct of members before, during and after the parade. In addition, all Chief and Company Officers in attendance will continue to monitor the conduct of members.
6. Consuming alcohol in the street is a violation of law as well as Department Regulations. As per AUC 202, disciplinary action may include fines up to 90-days pay.

Notes:

- Chief Officers shall ensure that all members of their commands have been informed of these instructions. **This order shall be read at all roll calls until March 17, 2023.**
- No banners other than those with the official sanction of the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee shall be carried in the parade.
- No children, infants, strollers or pets shall march with members in uniform with any platoon. This is a Fire Department formation and shall be conducted as such.
- Regiment and Division assembly points shall be plainly marked by placards. Officers and members shall assemble and march with their respective Divisions.
- Members in civilian clothes or civilians will not be permitted to march within the uniform formations.
- Members shall not stop in front of the cathedral or reviewing stands.
- Members participating in other St. Patrick's Day parades and festivities are reminded to comply with all Department Regulations.

By Order of: **Laura Kavanagh**, *Fire Commissioner*
John J. Hodgens, *Chief of Department*