

# **EMERGENCY THUNDERSTORM CANCELLATION PROCEDURES**

The DVFD Parade Committee is always striving to make your experience at our Firemen's Parade a safe and enjoyable experience. Unfortunately, we have no control over the weather. With this in mind, we have emergency procedures that will be implemented should it be necessary to cancel and in-progress parade if severe thunderstorms were to approach. Only by cooperating with these procedures will we be able to successfully clear the parade route timely for everyone's safety. If the parade is cancelled in progress, it will **NOT** resume. The Community Days celebration will continue in the DuBois City Park, but the parade will be over.

**YOUR WILL BE NOTIFIED BY A DUBOIS FIREMEN ALONG THE PARADE ROUTE IF WE HAVE IMPLEMENTED THESE PROCEDURES THAT WE ARE CANCELLING THE PARADE. DO NOT TAKE IT UPON YOURSELF TO TAKE ANY ACTIONS UNTIL INSTRUCTED.**

## **MOTORIZED UNITS & FIRE TRUCKS**

1. Side streets off the parade route will be cleared of spectators and traffic horses. You will be instructed to proceed forward as quickly and safely as possible to the next right-turn of the parade route and pull out of the parade. As you pull from the parade route, follow the best route back to the DuBois Middle School parking lot (if you are staying for the awards) or out of town to return home. **YOU MUST CLEAR THE PARADE ROUTE TO ALLOW BUSES COMING IN THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION TO PICKUP PASSENGERS.**

2. We may have young children carrying advertising banners through the parade, they have been instructed to find any fire truck in the event of cancellation. Please assist these children to keep them safe. If there are banner carriers close to your unit, please tell them to board. Please put them in your protected cab and bring them to the Middle School parking lot as soon as it is safe to do so. **WE GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR ASSISTANCE IN THE TO KEEP THESE CHILDREN SAFE.**

3. **PLEASE BE AWARE OF PARADE SPECTATORS.** We aim to keep spectators off the street as much as possible. However, in the event of a storm they may attempt to cross traffic seeking shelter.

## **MARCHING UNITS AND OTHER WALKING GROUPS**

1. If you have buses, they are parked at the DuBois Middle School. If we cancel the parade in progress, those buses will be immediately pulled from the parking lot and sent up the parade route to meet you. Pull all marchers to the sidewalk on the left side of the street (left in relation to the direction the parade was moving) and wait for your bus. **GET OFF THE STREET AND STAY ALERT PLEASE! DO NOT RUN DOWN THE PARADE ROUTE, THIS MAY HAMPER EMERGENCY PROCEDURES.** If your bus does not arrive before the storm, parade workers will give you instructions for taking shelter in public areas.

2. **BUS DRIVERS**—Drive backwards along the parade route on the right side. When you locate your group, pull fully to the right to board them. The parade route will stay closed to traffic, so don't hesitate to stop on the right. If another bus stops, carefully pass them on the left and continue searching for your group. **WATCH FOR PARADE SPECTATORS SEEKING SHELTER.**

3. **BUS DRIVERS**—If your group has received these instructions, it means that an in-progress cancellation is a very real possibility. **YOU MUST STAY WITH YOUR BUS AT THE MIDDLE SCHOOL PARKING LOT SO YOU CAN MOVE PROMPTLY IN THE EVENT OF CANCELLATION.**

4. **GROUPS WITHOUT BUSES**—The DVFD parade workers along the parade route have designated public areas where you will receive instructions to go to for shelter. Proceed to these areas and wait until the storm passes. Once it has cleared, take your group along the public sidewalks to your transportation.