



## FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION OF YORK COUNTY

# 111<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION PARADE

**AUGUST 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2023, 12:00 PM**

**HOSTED BY WEST MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**KID'S GAMES — FIREFIGHTER CHALLENGE — FOOD TRUCKS — AND MORE  
FOLLOWING THE PARADE AT THE YORK EXPO CENTER**

**ENTERTAINMENT BY:**

**THE AMISH/OUTLAWS**

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*Come celebrate Shiloh Fire Company's 100th and Lincolnway Fire Company's 75th Anniversaries with WMTFD as we host the 111th Annual Firefighters' Association of York County Convention Parade!*

### Schedule

**Judging:** Starts at 8:00 AM at York Expo Center  
(must be in line before 10:30 to be judged)

**Parade Line-up:** Begins at 9:00 AM at Church of the Open Door  
(lower lot for apparatus, upper lot for all others)

**Parade Start:** 12:00 noon

**Activities:** 2:30 PM at York Expo Center

**The Amish Outlaws:** 3:00 PM  
(Awards to be handed out at intermission)

### Post-Parade Activities

#### Kids Games & Activities

- Bounce Houses
- Face Painting
- Giant Bubble Area
- Carnival Games
- Bucket Brigade

#### Firefighter's Challenge

- Individual Skills Challenge with prizes
  - Keiser Sled
  - Victim Drag
  - Hose Line Drag
  - Ladder Throw
  - Hose Hoist
- Team Bucket Brigade

### Parade Prizes (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> place)

- A. Best Appearing York County Fire Dept with 3 or more pieces & minimum 6 personnel**  
(County Travelling Trophy)
1. Best Appearing FD Marching Unit
  2. Best Appearing Hand-Drawn Unit
  3. Best Appearing Motorized Antique, 1940 or older
  4. Best Appearing Motorized Antique, 1941-1960
  5. Best Appearing Motorized Antique, 1961-1980
  6. Best Appearing Motorized Antique, 1981-2000
  7. Best Appearing/Equipped Engine, 2001-2013
  8. Best Appearing/Equipped Engine, 2014-2023
  9. Best Appearing/Equipped Rescue
  10. Best Appearing/Equipped Aerial
  11. Best Appearing/Equipped Tanker
  12. Best Appearing/Equipped Brush
  13. Best Appearing/Equipped Special Unit
  14. Best Appearing/Equipped Traffic Unit
  15. Best Appearing/Equipped EMS Unit
  16. Best Appearing Pierce Unit
  17. Apparatus Traveling Longest Distance (per Google Maps)
  18. Special Judges Award
  19. Best Appearing Civic Group
  20. Best Appearing Dalmation

To register, go to [www.westmanchestertownship.com](http://www.westmanchestertownship.com) and complete the online form by July 31, 2023  
Questions? Email to [countyconvention@wmtfd.net](mailto:countyconvention@wmtfd.net) or phone 717-764-3920

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**Judging, Parade, and Post Parade Rules**

1. The parade will be held rain or shine and will start promptly at noon.
2. Apparatus will be judged per NFPA standards.
3. Apparatus registration and judging starts at 8:00 AM at the York Expo Center (enter thru Gate 6). Any apparatus not registered by 10:30 will not be judged. After judging apparatus shall proceed to their staging area at the Church of the Open Door (COD) lower parking lots off Brougher Ln.
4. All other parade participant registration starts at 9:00 AM at COD upper entrance off Loucks Rd. Marching and walking units will be judged during the parade.
5. Apparatus and groups will be assigned and staged by Division. The parade steps off at 12:00 noon.
6. West Manchester Township Fire Dept. will not be eligible for any awards.
7. Food trucks and portable toilets will be available at the COD staging areas for food, drinks, and sanitation. All trash shall be discarded into trash containers located near the food trucks.
8. Distance between units during the parade shall be approximately 50 feet.
9. All animal entries must have necessary items to clean up after their animals.
10. Stopping or spot drilling will not be permitted. Dropping out of line other than for physical disability will disqualify the unit or group.
11. No sounding of sirens and/or air horns is permitted during the event. In the event of an EMERGENCY CALL, responding will be permitted to audibly alert their exit and all other units shall move to the right until the responding equipment has cleared the parade route.
12. Smoking and/or alcoholic beverage consumption during the parade is prohibited.
13. Throwing of items (i.e. candy) to the spectators from apparatus is not permitted. Walking and handing of items is permitted.
14. All participants must display their registration card during the parade: lower left driver's windshield for apparatus, first marcher on left side for marching groups.
15. The number of passengers riding on any apparatus will be limited to the number of SAFE rising positions with seatbelts. Riding of sidesteps or tailboards is prohibited.
16. There will be no alcoholic beverages served after the parade. Any consumption of alcohol on the parade route or York Expo Center will be grounds for removal from the venue and unit disqualification.
17. Parking at York Expo Center will be as directed by attendants at the Gate 6 entrance.
18. The awards will be presented during the concert intermission at approximately 4:15 PM. The decisions of the judges and Convention Parade Committee are Final.
19. The 2023 Convention Parade Committee reserves the right to remove any unit or group from the parade route or York Expo Center for acting inappropriately and violation of these rules. Removed units will be disqualified from receiving any awards.

**Parade Route (2.3 miles)**

Left from Church of the Open Door upper lot onto Loucks Rd.

Left from Loucks Rd onto Taxville Rd.

Left from Taxville Rd. onto Bannister St.

Continue on Bannister St. to disband at West York High School & Middle School

Fire apparatus continues via normal traffic to York Expo Center Gate 6