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News Release

Parade Safety Tips

EL PASO, Texas – With the upcoming holiday season, El Paso will be enjoying multiple parades throughout the city. While attending parades is generally a fun and safe family activity, the El Paso Fire Department is providing the following safety tips to help our community avoid any accidents during these events:

- Plan ahead. Arriving early allows you to find a safe spot for your family to enjoy the parade before the crowd gets too busy. If possible, station yourselves in a spot that makes it easy to leave the parade without getting caught in heavy foot traffic.
- Avoid sitting directly in front of the door of any shops or restaurants. You might become a tripping hazard and/or get injured.
- Do not leave children unattended.
- Locate the spots where the Police Department is stationed and make sure children know they can go to the police if they become lost.
- Stay behind the barricades on the parade routes; they keep parade visitors and participants safe.
- Do not run across the street between floats unless directed by parade staff or law enforcement.
- Do not throw candy or any other objects to the floats.
- Do not spray water or other fluids to parade participants, floats or any other parade-goers.
- The use of fire pits/fireworks/flares or any kind of open burning is prohibited by City Ordinance.
- As per FAA Regulations, the use of drones is restricted during public events and over large crowds. Violators will be subject to prosecution by law enforcement.
- Avoid placing children on your shoulders. The crowds can swell forward suddenly and unexpectedly, making it easy to get knocked over.
- If you see something, say something. Report any suspicious behavior to the Police Department.
- Dial 911 for emergencies.

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