



# MOBILE FIRE - RESCUE DEPARTMENT FIRE CODE ADMINISTRATION

## Parade Float Fire Safety Requirements

All floats shall be equipped with a minimum of one 2A 10BC fire extinguisher per each rider level. Those floats divided in the center by a raised platform shall provide an extinguisher on each side of the platform.

Requirements include but are not limited to the following:

- Each float shall have a designated person assigned the responsibility to ensure the fire extinguishers are properly tagged, in place, unobstructed and that the riders are knowledgeable in their locations and proper operation.
- Extinguisher is certified by an approved fire extinguisher contractor within past 12 months or a new extinguisher with store tag is present.
- Extinguisher is mounted in a bracket off the floor of the float.
- Extinguisher shall not be covered, obstructed or used to hang or stage Mardi Gras “throws” or other items.
- Smoking is prohibited while riding in, on, or adjacent to any float or parade vehicle.
- A No Smoking Sign, clearly legible shall be securely attached and visible to all occupants of the float. Sign Requirements:
  - Minimum size of 8” by 10”
  - White lettering on a red background
  - The words “No Smoking”

Fire Code Administration Staff Captains will coordinate with the Police Department to inspect each float prior to its placement in the formation area.

Reference: Article III. Parades: Sections. 49-50, 2009 International Fire Code - Section 906 Portable Fire Extinguishers and National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 10.