

2007 Mercersburg Parade Communications Plan

ALL INFORMATION IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

TIME:

Please be in Mercersburg no later than 6pm. Talk in will be on 146.505. We will meet at the Post Office on the South end of Mercersburg.

POSITIONS & TACTICAL CALLSIGNS:

The map from 2006 (www.w3ach.org/MercersburgParade/2006_map.jpg) is currently thought to be current representation of the parade route and communication posts.

Position # (listed in order of importance); Tactical Callsigns

(1) Post Office—area where parade starts	PARADE LEADER
(2) Grandstand—with the announcer	GRANDSTAND
(6) Parade staging point 1 (Linden Ave.)	PARADE 1
(8) Band staging point 1 (Rt.75)	BAND 2
(7) Parade staging point 2 (Linden & Fairview)	PARADE 2
(9) Band staging point 2 (Rt. 75)	BAND 2
(10) Band Unloading (Seminary Lane)	BAND UNLOAD
() Fire Police coordination—likely mobile	FIRE POLICE
(3) Traffic light checkpoint	CHECKPOINT 1
(4) Fire Hall checkpoint	CHECKPOINT 2
(5) Dispersal/North checkpoint	NORTH POINT

Tactical Callsigns; Parade Official; and Communicator Assigned

PARADE LEADER	_____	_____
GRANDSTAND	_____	_____
PARADE 1	_____	_____
BAND 2	_____	_____
PARADE 2	_____	_____
BAND 2	_____	_____
BAND UNLOAD	_____	_____
FIRE POLICE	_____	_____
CHECKPOINT 1	_____	_____
CHECKPOINT 2	_____	_____
NORTH POINT	_____	_____

2007 Mercersburg Parade Communications Plan

We will be using tactical callsigns for this event. You can use tactical callsigns, provided you still ID with your call at the end of a transmission, and every 10 minutes. Here is how you end a transmission with a tactical callsign:

FORMAT: > Tactical Call, Your Call, "Out" <

Example:

"This is PARADE 1, W3AAA, out"

FREQUENCIES:

146.505 PRIMARY
446.075 ALTERNATE

There is no official "NET CONTROL" for this Net, due to the small number of positions. However, please observe all normal Net procedures, and keep traffic to a minimum. If everyone has 70cm capability, the alternate frequency can be used to pass any lengthy traffic or to answer any queries. Stations are asked to announce when they are leaving/returning to the primary 2 meter channel.

Stations may also be asked to relay for another station. N3QBI will be in overall command of the operation, and will be managing the traffic flow.

EQUIPMENT:

Most of the race positions will require walking. Please be prepared to bring items that are easy to carry.

Headset, earphones -- **noise levels will be high at times**

HT

extra batteries

flashlight

pad to write on

pens/pencils

**** warm clothing - the weather can be changeable ****

good comfortable shoes

water

snacks

any medicine you have to take

2007 Mercersburg Parade Communications Plan

Information from Parade Planners:

Parade date 29-OCT-2006, no rain date set.

Volunteers are requested to be in place starting 6:00 pm, and to serve until 10:00 pm.

Parking will be limited, but it is recommended that volunteers attempt to park at either the Post Office or at the church near the Post Office. "Come early if you want a spot" someone suggested.

Traffic Detour from 6:30 pm to approximately 10:00 pm. Detour route is shown on the draft map, and does differ from recent parades. Route 75 below Mercersburg will be diverted to Route 16 at Shimpstown.

Parade route and the staging & dispersal areas are shown on the draft map. The staging areas, especially for the bands, is different than previous years. Band parking, while not indicated on the draft map is planned for Fayette Street.

Step-By-Step activity (in square): 7:00 pm to approximately 7:30 pm followed by about 15 minutes of "clearing the square" to permit passage of the parade.

Parade commences at about 7:45 pm, or as soon as Step-By-Step activity is cleared.

The Fire Police will be using 46.24 as the event frequency.