

Scope:- Driving Procedures for support vehicles “TED40” event.

This procedure outlines operational considerations regarding the driving of support vehicles for the event.

General:- The escorting / pushing of the Milk Float shall be accompanied by 3 official vehicles, so called lead escort vehicle – middle vehicle – rear vehicle. The function of support vehicles is to safely escort the milk float and participating team members in an enclosed formation, creating a safe corridor of passage and promoting clear visibility to other road users. It is important that all participants are aware of the presence and whereabouts of all support vehicles. If an incident occurs – Emergency Response Procedure will be implemented. The event will be promoted nationally via AA Roadwatch and local Radio traffic alerts.

Prime Risk Assessment:-

- Vehicle Collisions – involving another vehicle or involving a pedestrian
- Person injured by support vehicle – from the front / from the rear –
- Person injured by public traffic -
- 3rd Party pedestrian walking between vehicles -

Lead Escort Vehicle:

- The lead vehicle shall maintain a distance of at least 3 car lengths ahead of the milk float group.
- The driver must maintain rear view contact with the Milk Float group, controlling speed as required.
- The driver must remain constantly alert to traffic conditions and prepare to make necessary reactions with the safety of the proceeding vehicles in mind.
- When required to stop the driver shall exit the vehicle and clearly indicate to the following group of his intention and alert to any incoming conditions that require action.
- Hazard warning lights should be kept ON at all time.

The Middle Vehicle:

- The middle vehicle is to maintain at least 3 car lengths behind the milk float group.
- The driver must maintain visual contact with the Float Group.
- The middle driver must remain vigilant to the Float Group in front and the support vehicle at rear.
- The middle driver must keep a vigilant eye on the movements of the Milk Float group, the lead vehicle and surrounding traffic conditions.
- Hazard warning lights should be kept ON at all time.

The Rear Vehicle:-

- The rear vehicle will have a supervisory view over the total group.
- Importantly they will monitor traffic movements behind the vehicles and ensure that public traffic is not being curtailed that may prompt the group to pull over and let traffic overtake.
- The driver must also be alert to the vehicle in front and expectant to sudden stopping.
- Be cautious of overtaking motorists and indicate a “slow down” standard hand signal as required.
- Hazard warning lights should be kept ON at all time.

General Observations:-

- Drinking and Driving is prohibited anytime – your need to be fully alert.
- Be alert and avoid all distraction – mobile phones / radio / smoking / etc.
- The health & safety of everybody depends on your conduct, carelessness COSTS.
- When alighting from a vehicle extra vigilance must be exercised.
- All necessary security / operation and vehicle care must be taken at all time.

Note: Relief team members should travel in the support vehicles. Team supporter’s vehicles should not travel as part of the official Milk Float group to avoid any unnecessary traffic build up