



# Beacon Hose

Company No. 1



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Dear Friends of Beacon Hose,

We at Beacon Hose Co. No. 1 will host our annual parade on **Saturday, June 11**, with a **6 p.m. step-off**. We invite you to join us for our tradition — one that started in 1963 — that attracts hundreds of onlookers from our small town of Beacon Falls and beyond. Whether you've enjoyed our hospitality in the past — legendary bologna sandwiches and beer, right? — or want to join for the first time, we hope you can participate in our parade.

More than two dozen companies made the trip to Beacon Falls last June, and more than 60 departments enjoyed the show we put on for the 2015 CSFA Convention Parade last September. (And, hey, we're sorry if you haven't been getting our recent invitations. We found out that our mailing list was full of holes. We're pretty sure we've got everyone now!)

Our carnival that runs in conjunction with the parade is a great time for the whole family — and we're adding a mechanical bull this year. (Prepare yourselves.) We'll also have our cornhole boards set up in the bullpen. Don't miss out on what many of our brothers and sisters in the fire service consider one of the most fun parades of the season!

The parade will follow the same traditional route: starting at Route 42 and South Main Street, and continuing less than one mile north past our firehouse. You are welcome to bring as many marchers and pieces of apparatus as you would like. We encourage you to RSVP online at [www.beaconhose.com/parade](http://www.beaconhose.com/parade), but you can also do it the old-fashioned way by filling out the reply card below and mailing it back. You don't need to RSVP if you can't make it.

Judging will be done by the Connecticut Parade Marshals Association, with the exception of musical and Host's Choice awards. Trophies we expect to award include:

- **Major Awards:** Best Overall Fire Unit, Best Appearing Apparatus
- **Apparatus Awards:** Best Antique (Motorized), Best Antique (Hand-Drawn), Best Aerial, Best Commercial Pumper, Best Custom Pumper, Best Tanker, Best Engine Tanker, Best Rescue, Best Brush Truck, Best Ambulance
- **Marching Awards:** Best Appearing in Coats, Best Appearing in Shirts, Best Appearing (15 or Less), Best without Music, Most Firefighters in Line, Best Appearing Ladies Auxiliary, Best Appearing Junior Corps
- **Color Guard Awards:** Best Appearing Color Guard in Coats, Best Appearing Color Guard in Shirts
- **Music Awards:** Best Musical Unit (non-CPMA), First Runner-Up Musical Unit (non-CPMA)
- **Miscellaneous Awards:** Unit Traveling the Longest Distance, Host's Choice (non-CPMA)

Contact parade marshal Mike McGee at (203) 308-3898 with any questions. We hope to see you in June!

Sincerely,

Mike McGee, Parade Marshal

James Trzaski, Fire Chief

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## Beacon Hose Co. No. 1 Parade Reply Card

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Email/Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

# of Marchers: \_\_\_\_\_ Types of Apparatus: \_\_\_\_\_

Band: Yes or No

Junior Corps: Yes or No

Ladies Auxiliary: Yes or No