

ROAD-E-O

What is a Road-EO?

A Road-EO is a safety event to display the skills and equipment that municipalities use every day. This event creates friendly competition within the workforce and promotes safety standards for employees to compete. This has shown to reduce accidents within the cities that have implemented this. This is also a time to interact with the public on what we do and the equipment we have. We can show the professionalism of our workers and they can meet, and interact with multiple departments and see what we do for the community they live and work in.

The first city roadeo will involve 7 departments, with 4 of the departments having state or national competition opportunities. The rules for who can compete will be the same rules as adopted by SWANA (Solid Waste Association of North America) that are based on safety, personnel, and driving record.

We would be teaming up with the Rotary Artfest at the Airport using one end of the event to host our City Roadeo. Why the Rotary? The Rotary is a heritage event that uses a small portion of the festival grounds and as room for us to join them. They are also looking to grow by involving more family activities and this event appeals to families. The Rotary is a nonprofit and is very affordable to attend, and all profits made from this event go back into our city, mainly to schools or children's organizations. This would be one day only, Saturday from 10AM -4PM. To provide the cost for city event we would ask for 10 sponsors to help offset the cost of activities and awards. We would use the same verbiage in the sponsorship contract that North Port uses to host their event, as this is where they get their funding.

We would use employees, families, and vendors to put on this event. We would need the approval of the overtime for those competing as well as the permission to award small awards/prizes to the winners. Those competing would work in the department booths, help kids in and out of equipment on display, and other tasks during the event when not competing on the course. Only workers that meet the safety requirements of SWANA would be able to participate in this event. SWANA states that they must be accident free for 1 year, be in good standings with their employer, and have a positive attendance record. The management staff from ALL departments are encouraged to attend and help, as well as the council members.

The departments that we would invite for the first year would be Public Works, Solid Waste, Airport, Stormwater, Fire, Police, and Utilities. Each department would compete in some fashion as well as have a unit on hand for the public and kids to interact with. The public can meet the Firemen and Officers that protect them as well as see the trucks and cars that keep them safe. In addition each department would have a 10X10 tent with information on their department to show the public what they do and our involvement with in the community.

The 10 events are as followed.

1-3- Large Truck Driving Course- Solid Waste has State and National Opportunities

(Solid Waste – 1- Front Loader, 2-Fire- Engine, Utilities and Public Works-3-Dump Truck)

4- Brush Hog Course- (Airport)

5- Back Hoe- (Utilities, Stormwater, Public Works) has State and National Opportunities

6- Mini Hoe- (Utilities, Stormwater, Public Works) has State and National Opportunities

7- Vac-Con- (Utilities) has State Opportunities

8- Truck Crane- (Utilities)

9- Claw Truck-(Solid Waste, Utilities) has State Opportunities

10- Obstacle Course- (Police)