Santa's Big Rig Holiday Touch-a-Truck Event Policies

1. Vehicle Owners & Operators: Vehicle Participation & Safety

Vehicle arrival, setup, and departure

- All vehicles must arrive during their designated arrival time and be positioned as directed by event staff.
- Vehicles must remain stationary throughout the event.
- Engines must be shut off, parking brakes engaged, and keys removed or secured whenever children are permitted near or inside vehicles.
- Stabilizers, outriggers, buckets, booms, lifts, dump beds, and other movable equipment must be lowered or secured in a safe position.
- Vehicle demonstrations involving movement, lifting, dumping, or operation of machinery are prohibited.
- **Vehicles may depart only after the public has cleared the display area and event staff authorize movement.**

Vehicle safety and condition

- All vehicles must be clean, in safe operating condition, and free from exposed hazards.
- Sharp tools, loose equipment, hazardous materials, unsecured cargo, and other dangerous items must be removed or secured.
- Doors, steps, grab handles, and entry points must be inspected before event begins.
- Operators must identify and secure any controls that children could accidentally activate.

Operator required at every vehicle

- Every participating truck must always have an operator or designated representative present.
- Operators should supervise children around their vehicles and ensure that no controls or equipment can be activated.
- Operators should make their vehicles interactive without allowing climbing or access to enter the cab or designated areas.
    - Children should be able to ask questions, see the equipment up close, pose beside enormous tires, or watch an operator explain what different parts of the vehicle do—with all equipment stationary.

Operator conduct standards

- Professional, family-friendly behavior is expected.
- Inappropriate language is prohibited
- No unsafe demonstrations and unauthorized activities.

- No smoking, vaping, or alcohol consumption is permitted by participating operators during the event.

Parental supervision is required

- Children must remain with a parent or responsible adult. Parents should assist children and no child should be permitted to explore equipment without operator approval.
- Operators should not lift or carry children. Parents or guardians should assist their own children.
- Children must never be left alone inside a vehicle.
- No child may operate a vehicle or engage mechanical, hydraulic, electrical, or other operational controls.
- Operators must avoid being alone with a child in an enclosed cab.

Horns, sirens, and noise

- No horns, sirens, air horns, or amplified vehicle sounds.
- Engines remain off.
- Operators should avoid unexpected loud noises.

Access by vehicle: Climbing inside vehicles is limited to the fire truck and police ATV

Vehicle	Access	Reason
Fire Truck — Salisbury Fire	Cab Access	Children can sit in an approved seat with firefighter supervision and parental assistance. No access to operational controls.
Crane Truck — Shea Concrete	Exterior Only	Elevated cab, climbing hazards, and specialized equipment
Front Loader — SPS New England	Exterior Only	High entry points, large tires, and hydraulic equipment
Tow Truck — Coady's Towing	Exterior Only	Elevated access and towing equipment
Snowplow — Salisbury DPW	Exterior Only	High cab, plow attachments, and operational controls
ATV with Sled — Salisbury Police	Supervised Seating	One child at a time to sit on a stationary ATV, with an officer directly supervising, the engine disabled, and an adult assisting

Summary of Policies for Santa's Big Rig

1. **Engines Off:** All engines must be shut down once vehicles are positioned. No engine starts during public hours.
2. **No Vehicle Movement:** Vehicles remain stationary until event staff authorize departure after the public area is cleared.
3. **Operator Present:** A designated operator or representative must remain with each vehicle whenever visitors are permitted to approach or enter.
4. **Children Supervised:** Children must remain with their parent or guardian. No child may explore a vehicle without operator permission.
5. **No Equipment Operation:** Children may not operate controls, hydraulic equipment, cranes, buckets, or other mechanical components.
6. **Controlled Horn Use:** No air horns or sirens.

2. Policies for Children, Parents & Visitors

Will be published on website and on poster at site day of event

Touch-a-Truck Visitor Guidelines

We're excited to welcome families for a fun, hands-on experience exploring some amazing trucks and vehicles! To keep the event safe and enjoyable for everyone, please follow these guidelines.

1. **Adult Supervision Required:** Children must be supervised by a parent or responsible adult at all times.
2. **Follow Operator Instructions:** Please respect all directions provided by vehicle operators, volunteers, and event staff.
3. **Look, Touch & Explore Safely:** Please do not touch or operate vehicle controls, switches, levers, pedals, or equipment unless the operator has specifically approved a safe, nonoperational interaction.
4. **No Running or Rough Play:** Please walk throughout the event and be mindful of other visitors.
5. **Respect the Vehicles:** Please be gentle with equipment and follow any vehicle-specific rules.
6. **No climbing on tires, bumpers, steps, ladders, buckets, or equipment.**
7. **Horns & Sirens:** Loud vehicle sounds may occur during designated times. Please be mindful of children who may be sensitive to noise.
8. **Appropriate Footwear:** Closed-toe shoes are strongly recommended for children and adults.
9. **Food & Beverages:** Please keep food and drinks away from vehicles.

Each truck will have one of the following designations:

- **Climb Aboard:** Visitors may enter approved area with supervision: Fire Truck + Police ATV.
- **Look & Explore:** Visitors may approach and touch designated exterior areas but may not enter.

Most importantly, have fun, ask questions, and enjoy meeting the people who operate these incredible vehicles!