# Shelby Amateur Radio Club (SARC) Guidelines

## **SAFETY**

## Potential Safety Threats

Safety threats come in all shapes and sizes. While you won't be able to prevent every potential safety threat, you can certainly ensure that your residents have the tools to navigate a threat when necessary. In most cases, threats are caused by environmental factors, unexpected accidents, or even criminals. Have a plan in place to navigate these threats and make a large difference in the outcome.

#### Fire

While fires are less common now than they were before, they do still happen. Kitchen fires, electrical fires, and even gas fires can occur on a property. Depending on how the property was built, fires might be a bigger or smaller risk. Regardless, ensuring that everyone can safely exit the building in the event of a fire is crucial. Pairing this with adequate detection systems can save lives.

## Inclement Weather

The weather is always changing, and we cannot always guarantee which way it will go. Depending on your location there might be more or less risks from the environment. Inclement weather can bring about a wide range of safety concerns. Poor weather can lead to power failure, cause physical threats to individuals, or even just put someone at risk of slipping. Being prepared for the outcomes that poor weather can bring is important whether it means ensuring that you seek a safe area in the event of any extreme conditions.

Accidents

Try as we might, accidents do happen, and will always be a bit unpredictable. More importantly, they can be influenced by unpredictable external factors. Eventually, you or someone you know will have an accident. You might not be able to prevent the accident, but you can ensure that there are procedures in place to help manage it after the fact. Accidents are not always as simple as someone slipping on a staircase or a bit of ice. In reality, accidents come in all different forms and can be a lot to prepare for. There is always the potential that something might happen to anyone on the fairgrounds property. In this case, it is important that you and everyone else ensure that an individual gets the help that they need when something goes wrong.

## Criminal Activity

Criminal activity is a consistent and ongoing threat. There is simply no way to completely protect against it. In reality, criminal activity can come in bursts, occur during different times of the year, and might pose a wide range of threats. It might be that a criminal breaks into an RV or that someone is stealing items from camp sites or exhibitor tables. Regardless, you should remain vigilant to ensure your property or that of others is protected from these intrusions. Being able to keep criminal activity low is crucial.

# LOW-SPEED VEHICLES

## **PURPOSE**

To provide for the safe operation of low-speed vehicles on the fairgrounds.

## SCOPE

This policy applies to all users of low-speed vehicles, including club members, visitors and vendors, within the fairgrounds property under the control of the Shelby Amateur Radio Club while conducting the Shelby Hamfest. DEFINITIONS

Low-Speed Vehicle: As used in this policy, this term includes golf carts, Gators, utility vehicles (e.g. Kubotas) and any other electrical, gas or diesel vehicle not registered with any state DMV for on-road use and not used for an industrial purpose (e.g., street sweepers, loaders, etc.).

OPERATON

Is limited to persons possessing a valid state issued motor vehicle operator's license.

Only on paved road surfaces not designated for pedestrian only use, or non-paved recreational vehicle access areas, or parked in authorized rental space.

# E-SCOOTERS AND PERSONAL MOBILITY DEVICES

# **PURPOSE**

To establish safety guidelines for E-Scooters and personal mobility devices.

## SCOPE

This policy applies to all users of E-Scooters and personal mobility devices, including club members, visitors and vendors, within the fairgrounds property under the control of the Shelby Amateur Radio Club while conducting the Shelby Hamfest. DEFINITIONS

Personal Mobility Devices: Bicycle – motorized/non-motorized and E-bicycle, Scooters – motorized/non-motorized and E-scooters, Skateboards – motorized/non-motorized and E-skateboards, Unicycle – motorized/non-motorized and E-unicycle, Hoverboards and any electronically powered recreational device.

# **OPERATON**

All users of personal mobility devices, to include club members, visitors and vendors:

Personal mobility devices must yield the right-of-way to pedestrians. Users of personal mobility devices, including bicycles, are required to dismount and walk when encountering pedestrian traffic sufficient to impede progress of either the mobility device or any pedestrians (emergency and disabled

personnel exempt). Operation defined under Low-Speed Vehicles applies equally to other devices except that operation by an underage person is permissable so long as operation comlies with that defined for Low-Speed Vehicles, if the device is non-motorized and requires no license to operate.

NOTE: Self-propelled wheelchairs or an electric mobility device, specifically designed for and used by an individual with a mobility-related disability, are exempt.

## **DUMPING PROHIBITED**

Dispose of all litter, trash, and debris in proper receptacles or take with you. If there is no room in a trash receptacle, you may leave tied trash bags by the trash receptacles for pick up. Do not dispose of electronic devices of any type on fairgrounds property.

Cleveland County Recycling Services Recyclables Accepted

Appliances, Batteries, Cell Phones, Electronics & E-Waste, Metal, Paper, Plastic, Scrap Metal, Tires, Yard Waste

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Contact Informaton Cleveland County Recycling 2944 Old Cliffside Road Shelby, NC 28152 (704)434-7441 Mon-Sat 8:00 AM-7:00 PM

## ALCOHOL POSSESSION AND USE

It is illegal under North Carolina Law to be under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances. The possession of alcoholic beverages by a minor (less than 21 years old) is prohibited.

## **PETS**

Pets must be leashed (8 feet or less) or otherwise physically restrained at all times. Owner's are to pick up after their pets, and make proper disposal of all waste. Dogs and other animals shall not be allowed to enter spaces assigned to others except by permission of the occupant.

## FIREARMS or other DANGEOUS WEAPONS

All persons entering upon the premises of the Cleveland County Fairgrounds during the Shelby Hamfest are subject to all applicable federal, state or local laws and regulations describing permission to and prohibition of possession of firearms or other dangerous weapons.