

# WORKING ON THE ROUTE SAFETY CREW

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#1 Priority



**Safety! Safety! Safety!:** Safety is in the name of this team and that just about says it all. You are the team that ensures the safety of the event. We need you to keep participants, specifically walkers, on the designated route, staying within the allotted time, and secure during the event. While all teams are charged with the overall safety of walkers and crew members on the event, route safety sets the standard. Route Safety crew members must:

- **Obey all traffic laws.**
- **If you have a motorcycle, do not ride your motorcycle where it does not belong. This includes: sidewalks, closed roads, grass, or into crowded areas such as pit stops, Opening or Closing Ceremony crowds.**
- **Do not ride and talk. When using any communication equipment please pull your motorcycle or bicycle off the road.**
- **Wear your helmet.**

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**Physical requirements:** Must be an experienced cyclist or have a motorcycle license. Bicyclists must be able to ride a minimum of 20 miles per day.

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**Deployment Plan:** Your captain will deploy Route Safety crew members in a leapfrog pattern along the route to work as traffic patrol at busy intersections. Bicycles may also be dispatched along trails where there is no vehicle access. Your focus will always be on the walkers, being aware of traffic, crossing according to traffic signals, and potential hazards, yet, never directing vehicle traffic. We will enlist the help of on-duty police officers to direct vehicle traffic if needed.



**The Caboose:** Once the caboose has passed through your intersection or section of trail, you can proceed forward to your next assigned intersection. It's important to note that the caboose sometimes has to wait with the last walker for a sweep van or has to stop into restaurants and stores to make sure that there aren't any walkers inside. In these cases, the last walker might pass through your intersection without the caboose. If you suspect that the last walker has passed through your stop before the caboose, please call the caboose to confirm her location.

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## Responsibilities and Best Practices:

- **Opening Traffic:** You will play a key role in directing participant traffic as they arrive at the Opening Ceremony. It is up to your team to make sure that traffic moves smoothly through gear and participant drop off, and spectator parking.
- **Follow your Route Cues:** In order to navigate the route and best support the walkers, we will provide you with a copy of the route cues. Route cues show the turn-by-turn directions for where the participants will walk each day. As a member of the Route Safety team, it is essential that you understand how to read route cues. You will need to patrol a specific section or sections of the route each day and the route cues will tell you how to get there and exactly where to go once you are there.



- **Understanding Sweep procedures:** Sweep vans will be patrolling regularly so you can expect to see a van within 10 or 15 minutes for walkers who are waiting. If you haven't seen a sweep van after about 20 minutes, call the Shuttle and Sweep captains and let them know the walker's mile marker or nearest cross streets. Please do not call the sweep vans directly. The Shuttle and Sweep captains are the best people to call because they track the sweep vans via GPS and they will know which sweep van is closest to the walker and can deploy that van to pick up the walker.

## CALL 911

- **Calling 911:** In the event of an emergency, such as someone having difficulty breathing, chest pain or is unconscious, call 911 first. Once you have reported the emergency to 911, then call the Command Center to report the emergency with the staff there. They will send the appropriate staff and/or medical crew members to support you as you wait for the 911 (not the event) ambulance to arrive.



- **Pay attention to Quiet Zones:** These zones are typically identified between the hours of 7:00-9:00 a.m. The Route Marking team will place signage at the beginning & end of the Quiet Zones to alert walkers, crew, & spectators that the area should be free of loud noises and car honking. As a member of the Route Safety team we ask you to assist us in our efforts to ensure that we are 100% compliant with Quiet Zones.



**Sunday, Day 3 Transition:** Once the last walker has passed through your last assigned intersection or section of trail on Sunday, your captain will release you to meet up with the rest of the crew at the Finish Line Festival, where we all gather before the Closing Ceremony. In the Participant Finish Area, you will get reimbursed for any gas receipts, turn in your communication equipment and pick up your victory t-shirt.