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TO: Property & Liability Members

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SUBJECT: *** HEADS UP *******
HOMECOMING PARADES

CRSIG has received several inquiries recently about the risk management of Homecoming parades. We recognize that this long standing practice of parading the homecoming queens and kings as well as student constructed floats is an important inspirational activity for students. However, it is very important for our members to recognize the risks associated with this activity.

Some of you may be aware that a high school student in our area continues to fight for her recovery after having fallen out of the back end of a pick up truck on its way to a parade. In order to prevent this type of tragedy at any of our member sites, please implement the following risk management guidelines for Homecoming activities at your site/s:

- 1) No students, staff, board members should be allowed to ride in the bed of a pick-up truck.
- 2) If a flat bed truck is utilized:
 - No individuals should be allowed to ride on the side or back of the flat bed with legs dangling off the sides of the flat bed.
 - If riders are located on the flat bed, the flat bed needs to have installed a barrier high enough to prevent a fall off the sides or back of the bed during sudden stops or starts.
- 3) Parade participants should never be allowed to sit on the back edge or top of the back seat of a convertible automobile. Instead, riders should be seated and belted in the car seats.
- 4) Drivers of all vehicles in the parade should be licensed adults over the age of 25.
- 5) Prior to any vehicle entering the parade, a school staff member should perform a walk around safety check of the vehicle and any riders.
- 6) Bonfires should never be allowed on school sites.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to give me or Christina Stark a call at 579-7535.