

# 2023 Azalea Festival Escort Training Agenda

## WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Erica Mearns – Lead Car Driver, Official Party Scheduling & Transportation Coordinator  
Deirdre McGone-Webb – Chase Car Driver  
1<sup>st</sup> Dgt. Luther & Sgt. Bondarek – New Hanover County Sheriff's Office  
Sgt. Richards - Wilmington Police Department  
Lt. Little - Brunswick County Sheriff's Office  
John Davis – Photographer  
Azalea Festival Board Members  
Alison Baringer – Executive Director

## EXPLANATION ABOUT ESCORT RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Escort your invited guest at **ALL** times
2. Be sure your invited guest is **ON TIME** for departures--every time!
3. The **WHISTLE** and your prompt response!

## REVIEW CONVOY INSTRUCTIONS

### FIRST MEETING

- With Invited Guest – Contact and discuss
- With Official Party Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> in Hotel Ballast Lobby
- Parking in reserved spaces

## REVIEW PRIVATE SCHEDULE AND ROUTE

- Past Presidents' Party
- Airlie
- Parade

## INTERVIEWS

### REVIEW PACKET'S CONTENTS:

1. **Private Schedule** *--for your eyes only.*  
\*\*\*Please do not share this with your invited guests or the media!\*\*\*
2. Seating Charts/Event Agenda
3. Route
4. Invited Guest Information - arrival/departure times, contact information.
5. Phone List
6. Recommended Attire
7. Parade and Street Fair Information
8. **Official Car Flags (2)** --display in the convoy (remove at night so they are not removed for you) Get from Erica today. Return these to the Hospitality Room by **8 am on Sunday**.
9. **Official Car Pass**--display this on rearview mirror at all times.
10. **Ticket Packages/credentials for all events**--for you and your invited guest(s).

Thank you and we'll see you on Wednesday when we **ASSEMBLE TO DEPART** at the Hotel Ballast.