

Kansas Law Enforcement Torch Run Safety Guidelines

The following guidelines have been established by the Kansas Law Enforcement Torch Run Executive Council to ensure the safety of all runners and participants. The Torch Run Leg Coordinator will have the authority to enforce any safety guidelines necessary for safety. Please consider following these guidelines, especially when running with large groups and/or in high traffic areas/towns.

1. All runs should have at least one marked police vehicle with emergency lights in front of the runners and one marked unit behind the runners to prevent traffic from interfering with the runners.
2. It is suggested that runs should use support vehicles behind the runners for runners to get in if they cannot keep up with the pace set by the run.
3. Everyone must run and stay together. If you cannot keep up with the group exit to the right and return to one of the support vehicles. No walking. If you need to walk exit to the right and return to the support vehicles. It is a suggestion of setting a 12 minute mile pace.
4. The officer with the torch sets the pace and is always in front and in center of group. Remember you want everyone to run together so set the pace where everyone can keep up. Officers are not to pass the officer with the torch to run faster.
5. Officers should run in one single lane of traffic. This would be approximately 4 officers wide. All other officers will run behind the 4 front officers.
6. When transitioning with the torch exit to the right and fall back to the end of the runners. Do not enter the roadway on the left into traffic.
7. If you want to run again utilize the support vehicle to bring you ahead of the runners and get back into the formation.
8. Each runner should carry the torch, even if only for a small distance.
9. No baby-strollers.
10. Children running must be able to run at the pace of the group.

All runners are required to sign a waiver (this one isn't optional)!