

Don't Miss the Independence Parade on Saturday, July 3, 2021!



Enjoy this year's parade on **Saturday, July 3, 2021** beginning at 10 a.m. in downtown Bettendorf.

The procession begins at the intersection of 23rd Street and State Street. It will go east on State Street, curve around to Grant Street, west on Grant Street, to 16th Street, turning south on 16th Street, east on State Street, and ends at 21st Street.

Meet the 2021 Parade Grand Marshal



Phil Redington, former police chief, was nominated and chosen as the Independence Parade grand marshal.

Phil joined the Bettendorf Police Department in February 1977. He became chief in 1992 and retired from that position in 2018.

Phil was trained by many great supervisors who taught him how to be a police officer and to always put citizens and their safety first. In 1980, he was selected as the first Crime Prevention Officer. He worked a lot with citizens and the business community on crime related issues. Phil helped develop the Iowa Quad City Police Academy to help citizens have a positive contact with officers. Just as important was the fact that the academy allowed officers to have positive contact with citizens. The academy continues today as an important law enforcement education tool.

Chief Keith Kimball, who took over the position after Phil retired adds, "I have had the honor to serve under Phil and there is no one that I have known in my life to be more humble and to have more character and integrity both as a person and police chief than Phil. He always put an emphasis on community oriented policing and building positive relationships in the community and the Quad Cities. Phil was a great leader and mentor that I was blessed to serve under and who I learned a great deal from over the years."