



Roosevelt Fire District

Standard Operating Guidelines

<u>Section:</u> Operations	<u>Guideline 8:</u> Motor Vehicle Accidents
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Purpose: To provide all firefighters and EMS personnel with the maximum level of safety when operating in or around the scene of a motor vehicle accident.

Scope: This procedure is to be followed by all firefighters, EMS personnel and officers of the department while operating at the scene of a motor vehicle accident.

Procedure:

Response:

1. The initial response for any motor vehicle accident shall be (1) engine, the E.S.S. and the ambulance.
2. All responding apparatus will use warning lights and sirens when appropriate.
3. The first arriving unit shall transmit a size up report including the number of vehicles involved, possible number of injuries and whether mechanical extrication may be required.
4. Apparatus shall be properly positioned at the scene to facilitate access and exiting of the ambulance. Proper positioning shall also take into consideration the possibility of fire.

Safety:

1. Initially, all roadways shall be shut down and traffic diverted.
2. All firefighters and EMS personnel shall wear full protective gear.
3. Battery cables shall not be cut while victims or department personnel are in the vehicle.
4. All personnel involved in the care and treatment of victims or performing scene clean up shall take proper infectious disease control measures.

Responsibilities:

Engine Company:

1. Initial stabilization of vehicle(s).
2. At the discretion of the Incident Commander, (2) 1 ¾ pre-connected hand lines shall be prepared. One line shall be charged with water. The second-hand line shall remain un-charged as a back up and should have foam capabilities should they be needed.

Emergency Services Squad:

1. Total vehicle stabilization.
2. Mechanical extrication.
3. Assistance with victim removal if needed.

Rescue Squad:

1. Victim evaluation and stabilization.
2. Victim packaging for removal.
3. Assisting with victim(s) removal.
4. Transportation of victim(s) to hospital.