

Orchard Farm Fire Protection District Standard Operating Procedure

Division: 200 **Emergency Operations**
Section: 202 **Fire & Rescue**
Subject: 202.28 **Vehicle Lockout**



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PURPOSE:

To define the District's response to lock-out or lock-in situations

RESPONSIBILITY:

All District Personnel

PROCEDURES:

We will respond to unlock a vehicle when the following conditions exist:

- An infant, ill, or unconscious person is locked inside and unable to exit by their own means.
- A distressed pet is locked inside during extreme heat/cold.
- The rightful owner has left the engine running which could create a fire or health hazard such as being parked inside a garage or, basement, etc.
- Prescription medication(s) are locked inside vehicle.

A consent form releasing the Orchard Farm Fire District of any damage or liability occurring during the unlocking procedure should be completed and signed by the lawful owner of the vehicle. Verification of lawful ownership should be obtained before any action is taken by Fire District Personnel. This can be obtained from dispatch with the vehicle's license plate or VIN number(s).

Any request for lock-out/lock-in Assistance not meeting any of those requirements should be denied or referred to a Command Officer. As a general rule, the Fire District will attempt to assist whenever practical.