



# Quarterly Safety Gram

## Incidents YTD 4/12/2017

Personal Injury	Vehicle Damage/ Collision	Property Damage	Close Calls
1	0	1	1

### Close Calls:

Please report close calls. These are incidents where an incident or accident was avoided or almost happened. Reporting these will help us track close calls and see how training can be developed to help prevent incidents in the future.

### Close Call / Safety Reporting:

We are working on a form for the website that will allow members to report Close Calls or Safety Issues, anonymously if desired.

### Damage to equipment:

Please report all damage to facilities and apparatus, does not matter how minor. Report to the on duty officer. We want to insure the damage is fixed quickly as possible and insure no safety issues exist due to the damage.

# Avoidable Incidents:

**Backing incidents are the fire services #1 most preventable incident. Let's look at how we can prevent backing incidents.**

## Responsibility:

Drivers have responsibility to insure the vehicle is backed in a safe manner. If there are more than one person in the vehicle the driver should request someone to get out and open doors and function as the backer. If there is only the driver they need to stop and open the doors before backing toward the door, and preform a 360 and site assessment to insure backing can be done safely.

Officers: Those who are in the officer seat are ***ultimately*** in charge of the vehicle. If the driver is not stopping to let a backer out, it is the responsibility of the officer to ***direct the driver*** to stop.

## Policy:

Not using a backer is a direct violation of FCFD#3 policy. Failure to use backer can lead to disciplinary action against the driver ***and*** officer of the vehicle.

If you are a solo driver and do not feel comfortable backing the unit and no backer is available, contact the DO for assistance.





Do not bring contaminated or potentially contaminated items into the dayroom or kitchen. This is a health safety hazard. This includes cleaning items (mops/brooms), assessment items (bags/kits), or anything else that has been on the ambulance or could be contaminated. People eat and prepare food off of these surfaces and we need to insure we are not potentially exposing anyone to a contaminant. Thanks!

Thanks for Reading and Have a Safe  
Day!