Orchard Farm Fire Protection District Standard Operating Procedure

Division: 200   Emergency Operations
Section: 202   Fire & Rescue
Subject: 202.27   Vehicle Accidents

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PURPOSE:

To define the District's response to vehicle accidents

RESPONSIBILITY:

All District Personnel

PROCEDURES:

For motor vehicle accidents full turn-out gear is required, including an ANSI class II vest. If there is any sign of smoke or flame, the crew will immediately pull an attack line of at least 1¾" to extinguish the fire. If persons are trapped and extrication is required, an attack line of at least 1¾" shall be pulled, charged, and manned to stand-by in case of fire. (Usually the engineer's task, but the officer will assign based on the situation)

Primary Responsibilities:

- Fire control (if necessary)
- Disconnect battery as soon as possible
- Stabilization of Vehicle(s) and Extrication
- Patient Care
- Environmental Concerns

Initial size up of incident:

- Number of vehicles involved.
- Types of vehicles (trucks, cars, vans, bus, etc.)
- Hazards approaching and around vehicles (Wires down, leaning poles, leaking fluids, smoke, etc.).

The apparatus should be positioned to shield personnel from approaching traffic, also to best approach affected vehicles for extrication. Determine scene safety and complete an initial size-up. Stabilization of any vehicles shall be performed before any rescue

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personnel enter or work on vehicle. Protective face shields or goggles must be worn in addition to PPE if extrication is needed. Access must be gained to battery compartment.

- An extinguisher (preferably CO2) or hose line shall be in place before attempting to disconnect battery.

- Negative terminal is disconnected first then the positive terminal.

At the discretion of the officer in charge of the scene, a unit may be assigned to stand-by until all vehicles have been cleared from the scene.