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Purpose

To establish a guideline to be followed by SVFD personnel when responding to Motor Vehicle Crashes.

Guideline:

Scene assessment by first arriving officer.

- Walk around the vehicle, first from a distance of 20-25 feet looking for any hazards (i.e. downed electric wires, fuel/gas leaks, etc.).
- Make a second circle survey to locate victims and if there is entrapment

Vehicle Stabilization and Safety

- Stabilize vehicle by using step chocks, cribbing, struts or any combination to keep vehicle from shifting during rescue operations.
- A Dry Chemical Extinguisher should be readily available for immediate use

Patient Access and Protection

- Once the vehicle is secure, gain access to the PT and begin to ensure there safety utilizing protection boards and tarps as needed
- Protection boards should never be placed between the patient and any un-deployed airbag

Glass removal

- When it is necessary to remove glass from the vehicle, prior to breaking the glass call out GLASS to warn others of your actions. Remove only enough glass to make the rescue.
- Care must be used to cover victim(s) and protect the other rescuers against being cut by the flying glass.

Metal Relocation.

- Metal relocation to remove the victim(s) can be achieved by a variety of methods, depending on the nature of entrapment. Door removal, roof flapping roof removal and dash roll-up are options that may be chosen, bearing in mind your safety, other firefighters' safety along with EMS personnel and, the victim(s)' safety.

Patient Removal

- The patient should be removed as soon as possible utilizing the method decided by the Medic keeping in mind C-Spine stabilization.

Safety

- The term "**FREEZE**" shall be called out when anyone sees an unsafe condition. When the unsafe condition is corrected, the safety officer will give the order to resume the rescue.

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Hazard Control

- A charged 1 ¾ should be placed in service anytime there is a potential hazard identified
- Absorbent material should be put down to stop the spread of leaking fluids.
- Disconnect the battery(s), if possible, but not until given the go ahead by Operations

Scene Control

In order to protect those working in the area of the rescue, we need to have control of the scene. This can be accomplished by putting up scene tape, or barricades to establish a zone, using fire police or closing the roadway.