

Emergency Operations

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1.01 Purpose

To establish guidelines for the handling patient rescue and extrication, at the scene of an incident involving a motor vehicle, safely and effectively.

1.02 Policy

In the event of a patient rescue or extrication, the following guidelines have been developed and should be followed.

1.03 Responsibilities

1. Incident Commander – Overall scene control.
2. Rescue Company Officer –
 - a. Rescue Company Officer shall be the Rescue Sector Officer.
 - b. Rescue Company Officer should supervise the extrication operation.
 - c. Make sure vehicle is stabilized before personnel enter or operation is initiated.
3. Special Operation D/O – Deployment of tools and equipment.
4. Other Rescue Company personnel – As directed by Officer

1.04 Procedure

- a. Establish Command.
- b. Request additional personnel and equipment as deemed necessary to handle incident.
- c. Ensure scene safety and vehicle stability.
- d. Request Police Services if not already on scene.
- e. Coordinate and communicate with EMS before starting rescue or extrication operation.

1.05 Safety

- a. All personnel should be in protective clothing.
- b. Prior to rescue or EMS personnel entering vehicle, stabilize the vehicle using cribbing, wheel chocks, emergency brakes, etc.
- c. Check for and stop any fuel leaks.
- d. If fuel leak is present and a continuing hazard, apply a class B foam blanket to spill area.

- e. Maintain a charged 1 3/4" hand line until operation is completed if foam blanket has been applied..

1.05 Rescue and Extrication

- a. Complete scene survey
- b. Develop action plan
- c. Implement action plan
- d. Advise Command when patient extrication is complete.
- e. Coordinate with EMS sector any patient information (injuries, condition etc.)