

BLACKWOOD FIRE COMPANY OPERATING GUIDELINE

1.10 INCIDENT RESPONSE - MVA / RESCUE OPERATIONS

1.10.1 Arriving apparatus shall be positioned so as not to obstruct the route of travel for EMS vehicles. Only necessary apparatus shall be positioned close to the scene, additional apparatus shall be placed in a remote location.

1.10.2 The first arriving officer/apparatus must establish command and maintain communications via mobile radio with Camden County. This is crucial due to the number of agencies dispatched to MVA / Rescue assignments.

1.10.3 The IC shall:

Establish command, and assign branch, division and group responsibilities, as needed, IAW OG# 2.0

Establish an "Action Circle" (20' radius around all involved vehicles).

Designate an equipment staging area at edge of action circle, marked with a salvage cover, and ensure that all rescue related equipment is transferred to this area.

Establish a staffing pool at edge of action circle for unassigned personnel.

Personnel will be assigned from this area, and shall report back for reassignment when complete.

1.10.4 The Extrication Group Supervisor shall:

- Ascertain from EMS personnel what actions are necessary for patient extrication.
- Ensure vehicle(s) is properly stabilized prior to any entry or extrication efforts.
- Supervise extrication efforts utilizing the seven (7) phases outlined below:
 - 1) Size up and hazard control
 - 2) Access to patient for EMS
 - 3) Patient assessment and immediate medical care
 - 4) Disentanglement
 - 5) Patient packaging and treatment
 - 6) Removal and treatment

7) Post rescue/equipment servicing

- Ensure patient protection throughout the extrication by providing a physical barrier between the patient and broken glass, sharp objects, or any other hazards which could cause further injury.

1.10.5 The Fire Suppression/Hazard Group Supervisor shall:

- Deploy 1 3/4" hose line, dry chemical extinguisher and AFFF extinguisher, to edge of action circle.
- Ensure vehicle batteries are disconnected.
- Inspect vehicle for spilled or leaking fuel and secure same.

1.10.6 The Safety Officer shall:

- Ensure a safe work zone has been established IAW OG 7.12 and/or Highway Response Policy and Procedure Manual.
- Monitor scene for any hazards that may arise during incident and report to IC.
- Monitor personnel for adherence to safe work practices.
- Detail unassigned personnel to manpower pool.
- Stop any act that may endanger the safety of the patient and/or rescuer.

1.10.7 The Safety Officer shall not become involved in actual work, but must monitor all operations.

1.10.8 The Crowd Control Group Supervisor shall:

- Secure scene perimeter using banner guard, rope, physical barriers, or other appropriate means beyond which only authorized emergency personnel will be permitted.
- Ensure that only essential personnel are in action circle.

1.10.9 Refer to Highway Response Policy and Procedures Manual for additional information regarding MVA/Rescue Assignments on Limited Access Highways.