

DAYVILLE FIRE COMPANY
STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINES

Section: Incidents

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SUBJECT: VEHICLE EXTRICATION

PURPOSE: To describe the procedure for handling vehicle extrication

DEFINITION:

In all cases of vehicle entrapment, the primary concern is safety to life. Patient condition, his/her situation, hazards, and available resources will influence the methods and speed at which the operation will be accomplished. It is recognized that the patient's recovery is directly influenced by the pre-hospital care and time taken to get that patient to a hospital. That time is measured from the time of the incident to the time of the patient's arrival at a hospital.

With this in mind the following guideline will be used:

- Establish Command.
- Survey the scene and triage patients.
- As soon as the need for extrication has been established, be sure that proper rescue tools are on the scene or enroute.
- Establish a tool staging area and action circle.
- Check for and control hazards.
- Stabilize the vehicle (s).
- Gain access to the patient (s).
- Perform primary patient survey, and immobilization and care of C-Spine.
- Perform controlled movement and/or removal of all metal and/or obstructions in order to package and remove the patient.
- Prepare patient for removal.
- Carefully remove patient with care.
- Prepare patient for transport.
- Secure any equipment used and secure the scene.

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