

## PURPOSE

To establish safe operating procedures for vehicle extrications.

## PROCEDURE

1. **First arriving Company Officer completes incident size-up.**
  - A. Assume or pass Command.
  - B. Complete a hazard survey of the area. Assess the degree of entrapment and number of patients.
  - C. Request technical rescue if scope appears to be beyond the capacity of the initial companies, or if additional extrication equipment is needed.
  - D. What is the victim status? (Rescue or Recovery.)
    - i. Identify Paramedic In Charge (PIC).
  - E. Is there a need for additional Specialty Teams based upon the situation? (HazMat, Truck Company support or additional Technical Teams.)
2. **Survey and Safety Considerations. (Refer to corresponding Training Bulletin.)**
  - A. Conduct an inner circle survey.
  - B. Conduct an outer circle survey.
  - C. Address any hazards.
  - D. Establish a Safety Officer as needed.
  - E. Stabilize the vehicle.
3. **Appoint an Extrication Group Supervisor.**
  - A. Extrication will be conducted in accordance with training level of companies.
  - B. Extrication will not be initiated without first consulting with the PIC.
4. **Refer to the Incident Command Checklist (Attachment A).**

## KEY CONSIDERATIONS

- Complete the minimum amount of extrication needed to remove the patient. Never compromise the patient because of lack of extrication. Continue to assess the patient every 4 to 5 minutes to ensure you need to continue operating in rescue mode.
- The Medical Branch Director should be assessing the patient's medical needs and preparing the patient for extrication. They will not be involved with the extrication process.
- Is there a need for the Incident Management Team or PIO?

**INCIDENT COMMAND CHECKLIST  
VEHICLE EXTRICATION**

- Assume Command.
- Confirm rescue or recovery.
- Establish extrication group.
- Establish Safety Officer if needed.
- Verify PPE- FULL TURNOUTS with EYE PROTECTION.
- Verify extrication is within the scope of the units assigned; if not, request the Technical Rescue Team.
- Ensure that the extrication group has prepared and shared with command plan A, B, C and so on.
- Make any other agency notifications or requests.
- Ensure Medical Branch is adequately staffed for the number and severity of patients.
- Prompt extrication group at 5 minute intervals to verify rescue or recovery.
- Informally/formally diffuse the incident.