

	West Fargo Fire & Rescue Standard Operating Guideline			Authorized by: D. Fuller Fire Chief
	Subject: MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISIONS			
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Intent

The intent of this SOG is to establish procedure for response to motor vehicle collisions

Definitions

Motor Vehicle Collision- an incident where one or more motor vehicles have impacted either each other, a person, or an inanimate object

Extrication – an incident where a victim has to be extricated, using either manpowered equipment or hydraulic equipment, from a vehicle

Guideline

Both the Main Fire Station and the Southside Fire Station will have a set of extrication tools on the first line engines, Engine 7-0 at the Main Station and Engine 7-1 at the Southside Station. In the event that one of these trucks is out of service, the tools will be changed over to Engine 7-2. Response for extrication calls is dictated by SOG 201-Response to Alarms. See also SOG 216-Operating on a Roadway.

Routine MVC

Upon arrival, crews will conduct an inner/outer circle size up for safety hazards. Patient care is the primary priority at MVC calls. After the victim(s) is removed, units shall ensure that all hazards are mitigated prior to departing the scene. This includes addressing fuel leaks, debris in the roadway and stability of overturned vehicles. At the discretion of the company officer or IC, units may stay on scene until towing service recovers vehicle.

Extrication

Upon arrival, an inner / outer circle evaluation of safety hazards shall be performed. After all safety items have been addressed, stabilize all vehicles prior to operations.

Fire suppression shall be manned while extrication is being performed. It is at the discretion of the Incident Commander (IC) if a charged 1 ¾ hand-line is needed or a fire extinguisher shall be a suitable replacement.

Electrical power to the vehicle shall be disconnected by cutting of the battery cables or removal of the battery itself.

Leaking fluids shall be covered with floor dry, sand, or in the case of a flammable product; Class B Foam. Running fluids should be diked if material and time exists to do so.

Medical personnel shall be positioned inside the vehicle to maintain patient contact. In the event that no medical personnel are available, a firefighter may provide contact but not exceed their scope of practice.

Operational support shall be established in the form of a tool staging area; located on a tarp close to the scene but not in the inner circle.