

	West Fargo Fire & Rescue Standard Operating Guideline			
	Subject: MOTOR VEHICLE FIRES			Authorized by:
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Intent

The intent of this SOG is to establish procedures for operations at the scene of motor vehicle fires.

Guideline

Response to motor vehicle fires is outlined in SOG 201-Response to Alarms. Upon arrival at a motor vehicle fire, the engine shall be parked uphill and upwind to the extent possible. When operating on a roadway, such as I-94 or I-29, refer to SOG 216-Operating on a Roadway.

Due to the increased use of ethanol fuels and ethanol fuel blends in the community, AR-Resistant AFFF foam from an 1 ¾ line shall be the standard for use on motor vehicle fires. Booster or 1 inch line is not sufficient for use on modern vehicle fires. Firefighters approaching the vehicle will move in from the sides or at an angle to the vehicle, using a sweeping motion in front and under the vehicle to knockdown any fuel fires or spills. Special attention will be paid to the interior of the vehicle to ensure evidence preservation as well as overhaul.

Fires that involve any vehicle larger than a pickup, such as recreational vehicles, construction equipment, or multiple vehicles, as well as incidents that occur along divided highways may require the response of a second engine or tanker. The request for such equipment is at the discretion of the responding fire officer.