

Cape Elizabeth Fire Department

Policy & Procedure Manual

Policy: Vehicle Fire Operations

Section: 7.200 Fire Suppression

Policy # 7.207

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DEFINED:

A vehicle fire is any fire or smoke condition that involves a motor vehicle that has no building exposures. Vehicle fires that occur in garages or next to a building will be considered a structure fire.

GOALS:

1. Reduce potential for injury and death of emergency response personnel working on the fire ground
2. Rescue person(s) trapped inside the vehicle.
3. Prevent spread of and extinguish the fire.
4. Render medical aid and transport.
5. Secure and limit access to the scene
6. Overhaul & salvage property.
7. Determine cause of fire.

STANDARD DISPATCH RESPONSE:

Two (2) Engines & Fire-Police Unit

STANDARD ADDITIONAL ALARMS RESPONSE:

All Hands: Two (2) Engines, One (1) Ladder, One (1) Rescue & Service-4 with Air Service Unit

Additional Alarms: Two (2) Engines & One (1) Ladder

1st ARRIVING OFFICER RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Scene Size-up & Report back to dispatch
2. Establish Incident Command
3. Establish Safety Zones
4. Resource Deployment
5. Request notification of Utility Services as may be needed
6. Request additional resources as may be needed

1st ARRIVING ENGINE COMPANY RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Position Engine approximately 100' away (upwind & up hill) from the vehicle whenever practical. Placement of apparatus should be maximizes for the protection of the crew. ***(NOTE: All personnel at a vehicle fire where smoke or fire is showing shall wear full protective gear including SCBA. Personal operating the hose lice shall have masks in place and shall be breathing air.)***
2. Initial Fire Attack of the vehicle utilizing the most appropriate extinguisher source
3. Back-up line for the vehicle
4. Removal of persons from the vehicle as necessary

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2nd ARRIVING ENGINE COMPANY RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Locate & stand-by at closest hydrant, be ready to lay supply hose lines and pump from the hydrant whenever practical
2. Prepare to establish a water supply. (Hydrant **should be hooked** for all events for at least training purposes)
3. Await orders from Incident Commander

ADDITIONAL ARRIVING ENGINE, LADDER & RESCUE COMPANY RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Report to staging and await orders from the Incident Commander

FIRE-POLICE UNIT RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Meet with Police Officer in charge
2. Assign Officer to Traffic Group as necessary
3. Close all roads to prevent access of unauthorized persons
4. Direct all radio traffic to Traffic Group Officer

ADDITIONAL ALARM APPARATUS:

Units responding on additional alarms may be instructed to report to a designated staging area(s), referred to as Level 2 Staging. If a Level 2 Staging area is not utilized, Command or Fire Alarm will contact units with instructions

1. Report to the Staging Area (Level 2) as designated by Command
2. First arriving unit at the Staging Area, with an officer, will become the Staging Officer
3. The Staging Officer shall make unit assignments as directed by Command to a specific Group/Division Officers
4. The level of reserve units at staging shall be established by Command. The Staging Officer shall communicate with dispatch to maintain the desired apparatus level

The staging area should be located in a location out of view of the fire scene and large enough for the scale of the situation

ADDITIONAL ARRIVING PERSONNEL RESPONSIBILITIES:

Personnel that respond directly to the scene will be assigned by the Incident Commander (Manpower Officer) to a company and perform operations as directed. **No personnel will perform operations without being assigned by the Incident Commander (Manpower Officer) or without a company.**

If the Incident Commander does not declare a Manpower Pool all personnel will respond to the location of the 1st arriving Engine in full personal protective equipment and await orders from the Incident Commander (Manpower Officer)

STAFF, DIVISION & GROUP OFFICER RESPONSIBILITIES:

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The Traffic Group Officer will direct all road closures and will be the point of contact for all Fire-Police Units.

NOTIFICATIONS:

The Incident Commander should notify the Communications Center of the following events:

1. Initial Size-up on arrival at the fire scene.
2. Modified Response Code
3. Additional Alarms
4. Additional specialized Units & Resources
5. Firefighter "MAYDAY"
6. Removal of Victims from harm
7. Fire Under Control
8. Fire Extinguished
9. Transfer of Incident Command
10. Recall

RESOLUTION:

As necessary the Incident Commander will assign a fire watch with an Engine Company to monitor the vehicle for rekindle and security.

The Incident Commander will make an initial determination as to the cause of the fire or will ensure that the State Fire Marshal's Office is contacted. In the event of fires that involve fatalities the Police Department & State Fire Marshal's Office will always be notified.

The Incident Commander is responsible for the completion of all reports related to the incident.

The Staff, Division & Group Officers will forward all related reports to the Incident Commander for the incident report.

All personnel will remain at the fire scene until the Incident Commander releases them and their company. Personnel will return to their Station and ensure that all apparatus & equipment is returned to service.

The Incident Commander will request a recall of the alarm when all units have cleared the scene and been returned to service.