

Falmouth Fire-EMS Operating Guideline

Motor Vehicle Crashes

Objective:

To provide guidelines for response to motor vehicle crashes.

General Information:

Falmouth Fire-EMS is called to numerous reports of motor vehicle crashes each year. Since motor vehicle crashes are often in the traveled lanes of the roadway, they are dangerous scenes. Steps must be taken to keep all personnel safe at these incidents. The normal response to a motor vehicle crash in the Town of Falmouth is 1 engine, 1 ambulance, and a chief officer or duty officer. If there is reported or confirmed entrapment, a 2nd due engine is requested to the scene.

Guidelines:

Streets (not including Limited Access Highways)

Falmouth Fire-EMS will respond to reports of motor vehicle crashes with the district engine, an ambulance and a chief officer or duty officer. If there is reported or confirmed entrapment, a 2nd due engine is requested to respond to the scene.

A. Role of District Engine:

- a. Scene Safety.
 - i. Protect the scene from oncoming traffic.
 - ii. Light up the scene
 - iii. Put out cones to alert other vehicles
- b. Establish Command (if not done yet)
- c. Investigation
 - i. Investigate the scene if not done yet.
 - ii. Determine number of potential patients
 - iii. Check for hazards
 - 1. Scene Hazards
 - 2. Vehicle Hazards
 - 3. Patient Hazards
 - iv. Suppression
 - 1. Provide charged hose line if needed.
 - v. EMS
 - 1. Provide patient care if needed and trained.

B. Role of Ambulance

- a. Patient Care
 - i. Investigate & triage if necessary
 - ii. Treat patients
 - 1. Request assistance through command if needed.

- Transport Patients.
- b. Documentation
 - i. Patient Care Report
 - ii. IMC Report
- C. Role of Chief Officer / Duty Officer
 - a. Establish Command if needed.
 - b. Transfer Command if needed and already established.
 - c. Assist Engine Company and EMS as needed.
 - d. Ensure IMC report if completed.
- D. Role of 2nd Due Engine (if entrapment):
 - a. Ensure a “block” is made to protect scene from oncoming traffic.
 - b. Deploy and staff a charged hose line if needed.
 - c. Assist the crews on scene as needed.

Limited Access Highways (I-295, Maine Turnpike, Turnpike Spur)

Falmouth Fire-EMS will respond to reports of motor vehicle crashes with the district engine, a 2nd engine, an ambulance and a chief officer or duty officer.

- E. Role of District Engine:
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 - ii. Treat patients
 - 1. Request assistance through command if needed.
 - iii. Transport Patients.
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 - i. Patient Care Report
 - ii. IMC Report

G. Role of Chief Officer / Duty Officer

- a. Establish Command if needed.
- b. Transfer Command if needed and already established.
- c. Assist Engine Company and EMS as needed.
- d. Ensure IMC report if completed.

H. Role of 2nd Due Engine

- a. The 2nd due engine responds code 1 (no lights or siren) and stages prior to entering the Limited Access Highway. If called to the scene the 2nd due engine will:
 - i. Ensure a “block” is made to protect scene from oncoming traffic.
 - ii. Deploy and staff a charged hose line if needed.
 - iii. Assist the crews on scene as needed.

These guidelines may be changed or altered by the Fire Chief at any time.