



Wintergreen Fire and Rescue Standard Administrative Policy	
Subject:	Vehicle Extrication
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Background:

The Wintergreen Fire - Rescue Department has the responsibility of providing for the rescue needs of the Wintergreen community and, through mutual aid agreements, assistance with the rescue needs for surrounding areas.

Purpose:

To establish guidelines for the response of Wintergreen Fire - Rescue Department personnel and equipment to incidents which utilize specialized equipment and training to handle vehicle extrication incidents.

Procedure:

1. In all cases of vehicle entrapment, the primary concern for life safety. Patient condition, situation, hazards (real and anticipated), and available resources will influence the methods and speed at which the operation will be accomplished.
2. Tactical Considerations
 - a. The Incident Commander and personnel called to these incidents must use careful, efficient means to accomplish the following in a timely manner:
 - i. Incident Command - Person in charge of the whole incident. Groups may be assigned, but are not limited to, extrication, triage, hazard control, tool and resource, crowd control, and transportation groups.
 - ii. Survey Scene and triage patients - Get a full view of the incident and surrounding area. Get an accurate count on the number of patients as soon as you can to allow for other resources to get to the scene. Launch aeromedical, if appropriate.
 - iii. Stabilize Vehicle(s) – Secure the vehicle so that it does not move when working around or in it. Use the best stabilizing method for the incident.
 - iv. Mitigate any other hazard(s) present – When life safety has been taken care of, attend to any other hazards that may exist like: property retrieval, fluid leaks, traffic control, etc.
 - v. Patient Care (EMS) – Patient contact should be made as soon as the first provider arrives. Patient care should be initiated as soon as the vehicle is stable and cleared for EMS personnel to get to the patient(s).

- vi. Disentanglement and/or Extrication of patient(s) – Use the most efficient method of extrication to gain an egress point for patient(s) removal. The goal is to get the patient(s) out of the vehicles in a timely and safe manner as possible.
- vii. Terminate Command - When the incident is over make sure that all equipment is picked up and put back on the apparatus. Make sure that the scene is secure and turn it over to law enforcement.
Terminate command.