

Vehicle Extrication

Preparation:

Protocols - Chain of command (who is I.C.) - Personal Protective Equipment (turnout, vests on the roadway) - Job/seat assignments - What trucks are sent to scene for what incident - figured out before leaving the hall or enroute

Assessment:

Safety on scene -

What are you dealing with (is dispatch correct?) - Fire or Smoke - Power lines - Water (lake, stream, ditch?) - weather (cold, snow, wind, rain?) - Where do you position your emergency vehicles? - Victims/triage (how many, where are they, still in vehicle, thrown out of vehicle) - Do you need more resources? - How do you approach the vehicle?

Initial Actions Upon Arrival:

Wheel chocks - Establish control zones - Approaching victims in the vehicle (head on/45 degree) - Charged line - Some tool in hand (halligan, dry chem., pry bars, med. Bag/oxygen, etc.)

Extrication:

Stabilize vehicle - Officer in charge in Hot Zone, Staging in Warm Zone, I.C. in Cold Zone - Cut Power - Person with victim explaining what is happening - pull trim before you cut

