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I. SCOPE

This policy applies to all Frewsburg Fire District members operating at motor vehicle accidents. It shall be the responsibility of all officers to ensure this policy is adhered to.

II. PURPOSE

The purpose of this guideline is to outline responsibilities for firefighters to follow when responding to and mitigating incidents involving motor vehicle accidents (MVA).

III. FIRST ARRIVING UNIT

1. Position apparatus to maintain scene safety.
2. Provide a quick size-up of the situation (e.g., estimated number of vehicles and estimated method of impact.).
3. All firefighters shall have Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), except the driver
4. Safety vests shall be worn when operating near moving traffic.
5. Check for fires, hazards, or any unusual conditions and take appropriate measures.
6. Quickly estimate the number of patients and be sure adequate resources are called.
 - a. Upon estimating the number of patients, this information shall be broadcast to incoming units.
7. Complete triage of patients to ensure most critical patients are treated/transported first.

IV. EXTRICATION

1. If victims are trapped and extrication is required, have charged hose line or dry chemical extinguisher for standby.
2. Assist EMS personnel in extrication and treatment as needed.
3. All personnel shall wear full turnout gear including PPE for disease control.
4. Always use extreme caution when dealing with automobiles.
 - a. Assure wheels are chocked adequately.
 - b. Shut off engine(s), if necessary.
 - c. Place vehicle in park, if necessary.
 - d. Release hood latch, if necessary.
 - e. Disconnect battery, negative side first.

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5. Remove any debris from the incident that may cause tripping/falling hazards and could hinder the placement of equipment.
6. Check inside the trunk for hazards, if necessary.
7. Contain any spilled oil, fuel, anti-freeze with the appropriate material.
8. Ensure traffic is controlled, coordinating with law enforcement.