PURPOSE

To establish safe operating procedures for vehicle extrications.

PROCEDURE

1. **First arriving Company Officer completes incident size-up.**

   A. Assume or pass Command.

   B. Complete a hazard survey of the area. Assess the degree of entrapment and number of patients.

   C. Request technical rescue if scope appears to be beyond the capacity of the initial companies, or if additional extrication equipment is needed.

   D. What is the victim status? (Rescue or Recovery.)

      i. Identify Paramedic In Charge (PIC).

   E. Is there a need for additional Specialty Teams based upon the situation? (HazMat, Truck Company support or additional Technical Teams.)

2. **Survey and Safety Considerations. (Refer to corresponding Training Bulletin.)**

   A. Conduct an inner circle survey.

   B. Conduct an outer circle survey.

   C. Address any hazards.

   D. Establish a Safety Officer as needed.

   E. Stabilize the vehicle.

3. **Appoint an Extrication Group Supervisor.**

   A. Extrication will be conducted in accordance with training level of companies.

   B. Extrication will not be initiated without first consulting with the PIC.

4. **Refer to the Incident Command Checklist (Attachment A).**

KEY CONSIDERATIONS

- Complete the minimum amount of extrication needed to remove the patient. Never compromise the patient because of lack of extrication. Continue to assess the patient every 4 to 5 minutes to ensure you need to continue operating in rescue mode.

- The Medical Branch Director should be assessing the patient's medical needs and preparing the patient for extrication. They will not be involved with the extrication process.

- Is there a need for the Incident Management Team or PIO?

INCIDENT COMMAND CHECKLIST
VEHICLE EXTRICATION

- ☐ Assume Command.
- ☐ Confirm rescue or recovery.
- ☐ Establish extrication group.
- ☐ Establish Safety Officer if needed.
- ☐ Verify PPE- FULL TURNOUTS with EYE PROTECTION.
- ☐ Verify extrication is within the scope of the units assigned; if not, request the Technical Rescue Team.
- ☐ Ensure that the extrication group has prepared and shared with command plan A, B, C and so on.
- ☐ Make any other agency notifications or requests.
- ☐ Ensure Medical Branch is adequately staffed for the number and severity of patients.
- ☐ Prompt extrication group at 5 minute intervals to verify rescue or recovery.
- ☐ Informally/formally diffuse the incident.