



**Purpose:**

To establish a procedure regarding the response to an MVA (Motor Vehicle Accident) involving a rescue and to minimize the risk to rescue personnel.

**Scope:**

This SOG will apply to all personnel of the Pacific Fire Protection District.

**Guidelines:**

Conform a plan that should be used to accomplish tasks safely, rapidly, and efficiently.

**Procedure:**

Vehicle extrications shall follow basic procedures outlined in this section. Due to the uniqueness of these types of incidents involving vehicle extrication, detailed step-by-step procedures will not be implemented. Listed below are procedures to be followed by companies upon arrival at a vehicle extrication incident:

- A.** Arrive and safely position the truck in the best position to easily access tools.  
Sufficient space shall be provided to ensure the truck will not be endangered by fire and/or explosion.
- B.** Establish command.
- C.** Perform a complete scene size-up.
- D.** Develop and Initial Action Plan (IAP)
- E.** Initiate the IAP
- F.** Scene management
- G.** Establish work zones
  - i. Establish lighting for nighttime incidents
  - ii. Stretch and charge protective hoseline
  - iii. Establish too staging area
  - iv. Identify and slip/trip hazards
- H.** Hazard Control
  - i. Traffic
  - ii. Fuel/fluid leaks

- iii. Crowd control
- iv. Hazardous materials
- v. Electrical infrastructure
- vi. Check contents of trunk
- vii. Battery/electrical system shutdown

**I. Access Patient**

- i. Try opening doors before cutting
- ii. Roll down windows
- iii. Move seat(s) back
- iv. Tilt/telescope steering column out of the way
- v. Perform glass management

**J. Assess Patient**

- i. Protect patient from breaking/flying glass
- ii. Remove all non-laminated tempered glass before cutting
- iii. Remove windshield independently, or with roof (use discretion) if performing a roof removal
- iv. All breaking of glass shall be done in a controlled manner, with a spring loaded center punch, if possible, with glass pieces removed away from the patient.

**K. Disentangle**

**L. Extricate**

\*\*\* PPE shall be worn while working in the Hot Zone or in close proximity to extrication activities. At minimum, PPE at an extrication incident shall consist of:

- A.** Turnout gear (coat and pants)
- B.** Safety glasses
- C.** Helmet
- D.** Extrication or structural firefighting gloves
- E.** Protective boots

**F.** Reflective vest (if operating in/near a roadway, parking lot, or where vehicular traffic is present)

\*\*\*\*\* Precautions shall also be taken to protect the trapped or injured persons from further harm during the extrication. The use of blankets, short boards, and other devices should be utilized whenever possible.\*\*\*\*\*