

	UNION CENTER FIRE COMPANY INC. Best Operating Guidelines	
	Subject: Motor Vehicle Accidents	BOG Series Operations
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Full turn out gear will be worn at accidents for visibility and protection from scene hazards.

A charged 1-¾ hand line will be deployed at all accidents with entrapment, when possible, or when other hazards warrant. Extinguishers will be deployed, when handline is not necessary.

Crews will stabilize all vehicles, prior to extrication of victims. Entering unstable vehicles may be a danger to the patient and to the rescuer.

If glass removal is needed, the victim will be covered with a blanket or tarp for protection.

Vehicles 1990 or newer may be equipped with air bags. These airbags contain Sodium azide, which ignites at temperatures of 300 degrees. Caution should be used. Remember to disconnect the battery from the negative side first then the positive side. Once the battery is disconnected, wait approximately 1 min before removing anyone who can come into contact with the airbag.

Crews will assist EMS if requested. Crews will not perform anything beyond their level of training or beyond the instructions given by EMS. Assistance will usually be limited to retrieving equipment, lifting and stabilizing injuries.