

POLICY: PI Entrapment Responses

Hadley Township Fire Department
Policy #113

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this guideline is to promote safety for patients and all personnel involved and to expedite safe removal of patients through the utilization of standard extrication techniques.

II. USE OF INCIDENT MANAGEMENT

- A. A unified command system shall be utilized for multi agency coordination.
- B. Extrication decisions which affect the care and handling of the patient must be coordinated with, and approved by the Incident Commander.
- C. The first arriving unit shall transmit an initial condition report and should request additional equipment and personnel if needed. Scene overview should include:
 - 1. Type of situation
 - 2. Any hazards noticeable
 - 3. Number of injured and severity
 - 4. Number of trapped victims

III. SAFETY

- A. Scene Safety
 - 1. Protecting the patient:
 - a) Patients shall be provided a level of protection necessary to provide a maximum level of safety.
 - 2. Emergency Personnel:
 - a) All personnel in the area of the extrication shall wear personnel protective equipment affording the maximum level of safety as determined by the Incident Commander and/or Safety Officer.
- B. Emergency Personnel Environment
 - 1. Whenever there is an obvious or suspected fire hazard, or whenever extrication equipment is operating in the vicinity of the patient or rescuers, fire suppression equipment shall be deployed.
 - 2. Deployed fire equipment shall include a charged hose line. If a charged hose line is not available, a type ABC fire extinguisher will be immediately accessible.
 - 3. In cases of life threatening hazard, the Incident Commander shall have the authority to remove emergency personnel from the hazard area.
- C. Fire Prevention, Suppression and Hazard Management
 - 1. All electrical sources will be de-energized.
 - 2. Flammable liquids and their vapors will be monitored.
 - 3. Hazardous material situations should be identified, and can be mitigated up to the level of training.

D. Emergency Vehicle Placement and Staging

1. Non-committed emergency vehicles and personnel shall be assigned to a staging area as determined by the Incident Commander. A staging area will be established at a safe distance so as not to interfere with the incident area. All additional personnel arriving at the incident scene shall report to the Staging Officer.
2. Apparatus arriving at the scene shall be positioned to provide a safe environment for those working at the scene. Apparatus shall be positioned in such a manner to block traffic from entering the scene, to allow easy access to emergency vehicles and shall not hinder emergency vehicles leaving.
3. All responding vehicles shall try to stay on one side of the road unless otherwise instructed by the Incident Commander. If possible, parking lots shall be utilized for personally owned vehicles.