

	Queen Anne's County Fire & EMS Commission Operations Manual	No. 02.08
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	Motor Vehicle Accidents	Revised Date: November 5, 2015

I. SCOPE

- A. This policy applies to all Queen Anne's County fire service personnel.

II. PURPOSE

- A. To establish guidelines for response to motor vehicle accidents.

III. RESPONSIBILITY

- A. All personnel affiliated with a Queen Anne's County Fire Department will be responsible for ensuring strict adherence to this policy.

IV. PROCEDURE

- A. Upon arrival, the unit officer must perform a size up and give a status report. The incident commander must account for all occupants.
- B. The unit officer should assume or pass command.
- C. EMS units that arrive prior to a unit officer must assess the situation and advise "Queen Anne" of a status. This status will be conveyed to the incoming officer for disposition. If an incoming officer is not readily available, all request for additional resources or cancellation thereof, will be the responsibilities of "on scene EMS personnel".
- D. The incident shall be managed according to the County's Incident Command System.
- E. Fire Department Engine/Rescue crews will be responsible for the protection of the scene, vehicle extrication, landing site coordination, and assisting with medical care.
- F. EMS units shall be responsible for Emergency Medical Care including triage, treatment and transportation.

G. The following areas should be considered when managing an accident scene:

1. Injuries: Gain access to all patients, administer medical care, stabilize the victims, and extricate as required, assist ambulance personnel as required.
2. Fire Hazard: Absorb all gasoline/diesel fuel as required, cover it with foam if necessary, and disconnect the battery.
3. Nature of contents: Determine the contents of the vehicle from 1) driver, 2) Bill of Lading, 3) Placards, 4) Chemtrac
4. Pollution Hazard: Dike or dam any spill if needed, to prevent pollution, use absorbent. Request additional resources when hazardous materials are involved.
5. Traffic Control: Set up traffic control devices (flares/cones), assist MSP with traffic control, and control spectators.

H. Remain on the scene until all of the above hazards have been eliminated and turn scene over to local law enforcement.

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