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**Procedure**  
VEHICLE FIRES

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**Rescinds**  
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**Reference**

Fire Chiefs Association of Central Ohio  
Norwich Township Fire Department SOG # 3

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## Purpose:

The purpose of this procedure is to provide a guideline for the operation at incidents or situations that may arise during the course of an operation. Each member is expected to know, understand and operate according to this guideline as each situation arises.

## Responsibility:

- I. It shall be the responsibility of the department officers to implement this operating guideline.
- II. It shall be the responsibility of the department officers to train members in the application of this guideline.
- III. It shall be the responsibility of each member to know, understand and use this guideline as it applies to the situation at hand. Each member will use good judgement in the use of this guideline.

## Guideline:

### A. Responding

- \* The officer of each responding unit will develop a preliminary plan based on the dispatch information. The officer will clearly assign duties that deviate from standard practice. Radio equipment will be placed on the appropriate channel.
- \* Prior to arrival and at a safe distance determine and/or identify any placards or hazards.

**B. Arrival**

- \* Upon arrival the unit responding shall give an appropriate size-up.
- \* The first arriving Engine Company should position fire apparatus at the most appropriate position to attack the fire and/or protect exposures.
- \* Once on the scene, the pump operator shall set up the apparatus to be ready to pump and provide adequate and uninterrupted supply of water for fire attack.
- \* The first arriving Company Officer will choose the proper type and size fire line or method of extinguishment.
- \* The suppression line(s) should be determined by the size of vehicle and fire conditions.
- \* A second attack line may be positioned in a manner that is immediately available for back-up and/or protection of firefighting personnel. Multiple lines and/or deck guns may be considered for safety and rapid control.
- \* All personnel involved in firefighting and overhaul operation will have on full turnout gear including SCBA. Pump operator follow department policy.

Note: Abandoned vehicles may be associated with drug trafficking and have been found to have weapons, explosives, flammable liquids and other hazards on board.

Choose the most appropriate tool for the situation and support the tool(s) with simultaneous water application to effect cooling.

