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MISSION STATEMENT

It is the mission of the Carlos Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department to provide the best possible care to the people that live, visit and travel through the area served by the Carlos Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department. The Carlos Fire & Rescue will provide treatment in the case of a critical illness or injury without regard to the patient's ability to pay. The care and treatment will be provided to all patients without prejudice to race, color, creed, religion or sexual orientation. We are constantly striving for improvements in the care delivered, the quality of membership, the quality of training and education provided to our members, patients and members of the community.

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INTRODUCTION

The following document sets forth the guidelines set as standard for the Carlos Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department. All members past, present and future shall be in full compliance with all provisions set forth in this document within one year after its enactment or date of membership.

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GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- All members will know and understand the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) set forth by this department

The City of Carlos Fire Department requires firefighters to follow these rules for responding to calls after the consumption of alcohol or drugs.

1. A firefighter who has consumed more than two drinks of alcoholic beverages in the previous four hours shall not respond to an emergency call.
2. A firefighter who has used any illegal drug during the preceding 24 hours shall not respond to an emergency call.
3. Upon arriving to the fire hall in response to an emergency call, a firefighter shall immediately inform the Fire Officer in charge of any of the following conditions:
 - A) If the firefighter has consumed alcohol during the preceding four-hour period and firefighters B.A.C. must be below .08
 - B) If the firefighter is using any prescription or non-prescription medication that is labeled with a warning regarding drowsiness, driving, or operation of machinery.

A firefighter who fails to comply with this requirement is subject to disciplinary action and investigation from an internal board of review.

4. A firefighter who has consumed any alcohol in the preceding four-hour period, or who is using prescription or non-prescription medication that is labeled with a warning regarding drowsiness, driving, or operation of machinery shall not perform any of the functions listed below, but will be instead be assigned other duties.
 - a) Driving any vehicle.

- No members will speak to television, radio or newspaper reporters at the scene of an emergency, fire or accident. All questions will be handled by the Chief's or Officer in Charge (OIC), unless authorized by the OIC.
- No Member shall take any pictures or video on a scene for recreational use, NO images or video shall be put on any social media websites.
- The privacy of the citizens we serve will be respected at all times. No

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comments about any alarm we receive will be discussed outside of the fire department.

- The Chief's or OIC will report to Douglas County Dispatch, as soon as possible, conditions found and status of equipment needed. Also, if in a neighboring county it will be reported to that county's dispatch.
- All members are expected to conduct themselves as professionals when on and off duty.

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JOB DESCRIPTIONS

The Carlos Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department is staffed entirely by volunteer members. These members have a variety of duties and job descriptions.

Chief - A member which is responsible for the administrative functions of the Fire Department also has the highest level of authority at a fire scene and is responsible for the general operations of the fire service. This position is a 1 year term serving as chief.

1st Assistant Chief- A member which assists the Chief in their duties and acts for the Chief in his absence. A firefighter which has the second highest level of authority at a fire scene and is responsible for assisting the Chief in the general operations of the fire service. The member acts for the Chief in his absence. This position is a 1 year term serving as Assistant Chief.

2nd Assistant Chief-A firefighter which has the third highest level of authority at a fire scene and is responsible for assisting the Chief in the general operations of the fire service. The member acts for Chief or 1st Assistant Chief in their absence. This position is a 1 year term serving as 2nd Assistant Chief.

Medical Officer-An EMT/First Responder which has the highest level of authority at a medical emergency and is responsible for the general operations. This position is usually obtained on scene using the chief's order of ranking or the OIC.

Treasurer/Secretary- members which is responsible for financial functions of the Department. This includes paying the bills and making deposits. A member which is responsible for secretarial duties, including taking minutes, drafting letters, etc. This is a one year term voted on every calendar year.

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1st Training Officer-Officer that is responsible for organizing and maintaining required training for the members of the department. This is a 1 year term that is to be voted on by the members.

2nd Training Officer-Officer that assist the first training officer who is responsible for organizing and maintaining required training for the members of the department.

Emergency Medical Services Officer-these person/persons is in charge of the medical supplies for the department, this person/persons also works with the 1st and 2nd training officers to ensure that the department is in accordance with the Douglas County Medical SOP. This is an appointed position by the department.

Maintenance Engineer-these person/persons is in charge of the department's fleet of vehicles and equipment, their duties shall include but not limited to ordering of parts and scheduling of routine maintenance of equipment. This is an appointed position by the department.

Firefighters-Any person certified by the State of Minnesota to provide firefighting services in MN.

First Responders-Any person certified by the State of Minnesota to first responder level services in MN.

Safety Officer- The safety officer pays close attention to many concerns and activities at an emergency. The ISO is checking for unsafe act, unsafe conditions and unsafe behaviors that could cause injury or death to the operating crews. It is a position elected annually.

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ORIENTATION PROGRAM

All new members shall undergo an orientation program. This program shall cover as a minimum, the following topics:

Department Bylaws	Standard Operating Procedures
State Regulations	Medical Control
OSHA Requirements	Hierarchy of Authority
Mass Casualty Operations	Media Relations
Fire Scene Operations	Hazmat Scene Operations
Mutual Aid Operations	Helicopter Operations
Safety Equipment	Infectious Control Guidelines
Paperwork/Recordkeeping	Geography
Medical Unit Operations	Driver Training
Fund Raising	Community Involvement
Auto Accidents	Protective Clothing
Communications	

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PROTECTIVE CLOTHING

The purpose of this guideline is to assure that all personnel are prepared for fire suppression or rescue operations immediately on arrival at an emergency scene while maintaining the highest degree of personnel safety for all personnel.

This guideline shall apply to all personnel operating at the scene of any emergency incident or training exercise.

As with any guideline, primary responsibility for adherence to this guideline rests with the individual. OIC's are responsible for enforcement of this guideline within their respective companies. Authority to deviate from this guideline rests solely with the OIC who bears full responsibility for the results of any deviation.

For the purpose of this guideline, full protective equipment shall consist of helmet with face shield or goggles, sock hood, turnout coat, turnout pants, boots and gloves. All equipment is to be properly fastened and closed with sock hood on, coat collar turned up and helmet ear flaps turned down.

All equipment shall be manufactured in accordance with appropriate NFPA standards. Alterations to any equipment, such as the removal of coat or pant liners, are prohibited. If the need for some alteration is needed, it must first be approved by the Chief Officer. Damaged equipment shall be brought to the attention of the Chief.

Protective equipment shall be worn by all personnel during fire or rescue calls.

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SCBA UNITS

The purpose of this guideline is to assure that all personnel are prepared to perform emergency operations while maintaining the highest degree of personal safety for all personnel. All members are required to follow NFPA standards in conjunction with the SCBA guidelines.

The use of self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) is an essential part of the complete personal protective equipment provided for each member of this fire department.

All personnel are expected to use the SCBA whenever the need for respiratory protection is indicated. This shall include any atmosphere that is contaminated with smoke, gases or other byproducts of combustion or any atmosphere that contains any known contaminants not normally present in clean air.

No member shall use more than 2 tanks of air continuously without completed rehabilitation process.

Each member is responsible for restoring to service the SCBA they used during an emergency. This shall include replacing the cylinder with a full cylinder, cleaning of the face-piece and harness, testing the unit for proper operation and storing the SCBA in its assigned position. Any problems should be immediately reported to the Officer in Charge and be tagged as "OUT OF SERVICE".

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ENGINE OPERATIONS

The driver of the engine shall be in charge of the pump operations and knowledgeable of all fire hose appliances, gauges and valves on the apparatus, and the location and types of hydrants.

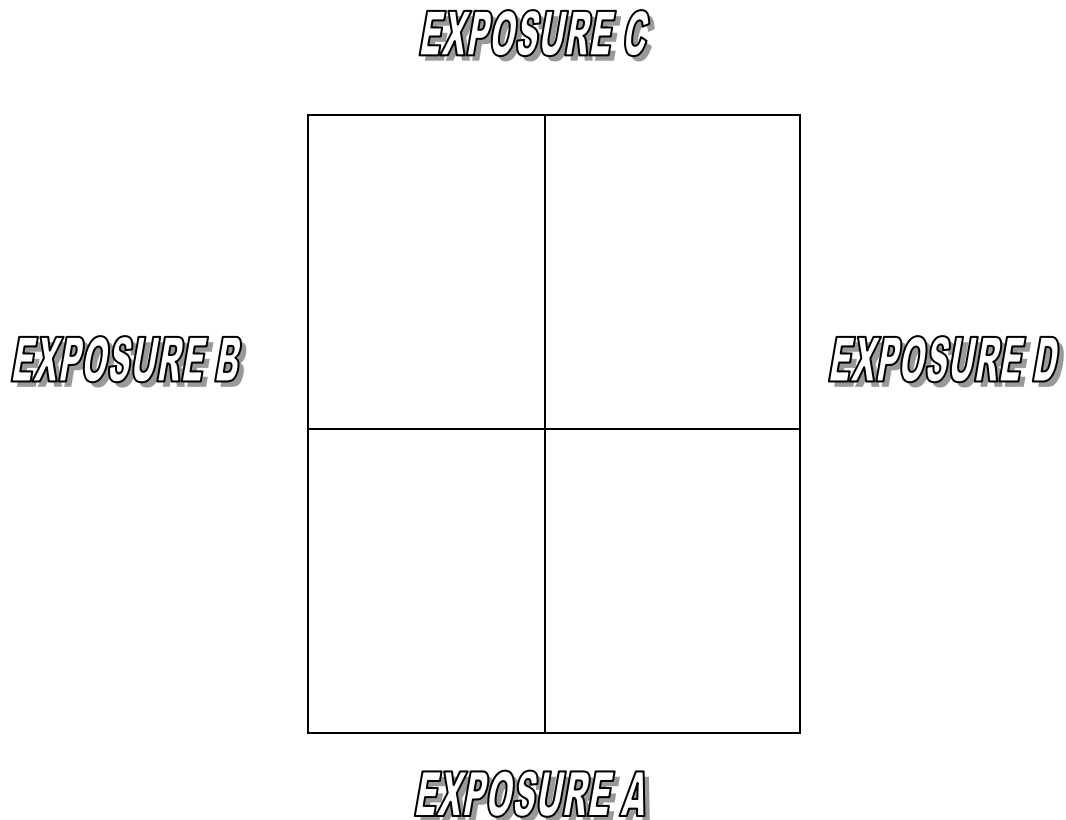
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CALL Guideline

Quadrant System

The quadrant system assigns a specific letter to each side of the structure and exposure. This system shall be used on all emergencies and all members shall be thoroughly knowledgeable with this system and its use.

The Officer in Charge shall take up a position on side A of the incident. This position is to ensure ease of access to the Officer in Charge and allow subordinate officers and/or personnel to easily direct others to him.



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Responding

Under no condition shall any member place themselves and members of the fire department or the public in danger due to excessive speed or reckless operation of fire department vehicles or personal vehicles while responding to a call. Members responding to the emergency scene in their private vehicles shall exercise caution and proceed in an orderly and safe manner.

Members shall make every effort to ride the apparatus to the scene as to reduce the congestion at the emergency scene. Members who do respond to the scene in their personal vehicles shall park as to not interfere with the access or egress of other emergency vehicles.

Once members reach the emergency scene they are to report directly to a line officer for assignment.

Under no condition shall any member be allowed to operate any fire department vehicle to an emergency scene while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Size Up

Rescue is the top priority when you arrive at the scene, followed by exposure protection, confinement of the fire, followed by extinguishment and overhaul. With salvage and ventilation being performed as needed.

Rescue

Rescue is the top priority when you arrive at the fire scene. The Officer in Charge shall attempt to ascertain whether there is any person or persons in the structure and try to pinpoint where they are. The search and rescue team must make a quick and thorough search of the structure. The rescue team shall consist of a minimum of two firefighters, with a 2 person RIT in place

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Vehicle Fires

Upon arrival at the scene of a vehicle fire the engine should be placed a minimum 75 foot radius away from the auto on fire. In the event a tractor trailer is involved, first check for placards or indications that hazardous materials are involved. If no hazardous materials are present, then the apparatus should be placed no closer than 120 feet. If hazardous materials are present or suspected, stay up-wind and refer to NFPA Guide to Hazardous Materials carried in each vehicle.

Full protective clothing including SCBA is required.

Auto Accident with Injuries

During an auto accident involving injuries, the Officer in Charge shall take charge of the scene and coordinate efforts with the scene EMS person in charge of patient care. If the ranking officer is taking part in patient care, then the next ranking line officer shall assume the responsibilities of the Officer in Charge. The Officer in Charge shall decide when the scene is safe for the EMS persons to operate near or in the vehicles involved.

Chimney Fires

Upon arrival at the scene of a chimney fire the officer riding the apparatus shall take a hand light and survey the situation. Two firefighters shall be in full turnout gear and pull an attack line at the structure entrance. The line shall be charged and bled of air. The line should not enter the structure, unless directed to do so by the Officer in Charge or visible fire is present inside the structure. To minimize damage all other firefighters shall remain outside the structure (except Officers), until instructed by an officer differently.

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Structure Fires

All operations shall be a team effort and no person shall ever work as an individual and disregard the SOP established by the department. It is the duty of all members to report unsafe operations, unnecessary destruction of property, and to report violations of the departmental rules and regulations.

Only the highest ranking officer of the department shall comment to the media with regard to the call. The following generalities shall be used:

- A. With regard to Cause
 - 1. Under Investigation
 - 2. The investigation is incomplete
 - 3. Not yet determined
 - 4. No comment

- B. With regard to Injuries
 - 1. We had _ number injured
 - 2. Condition is unknown at this time
 - 3. No comment

- C. With Regard to Damage
 - 1. Light
 - 2. Moderate
 - 3. Heavy
 - 4. No comment

All arson suspected fires shall be reported to the Chief ASAP and in the event of a death or excessive injuries or loss; the State Fire Marshall shall be notified immediately.

When a fatality has occurred as a result of fire, all efforts shall be made to preserve the scene. If the victim is obviously deceased, then the body shall be covered and left where found until the arrival of the State Fire Marshall. The fire scene should be viewed as a crime scene until proven otherwise.

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A minimum of three firefighters shall be maintained when operations occur inside the structure or on the roof. When any of the members of the team have to leave, all members must exit. No firefighter shall exit or leave their team without reporting to the team leader. The firefighter on the front of the hose should be considered the team leader for the hose team. The firefighter that is second on hose should be considered radio operator for that team. A minimum of a 2 man RIT must be in place prior to entering or mounting.

No member shall mount or dismount the apparatus, unless the vehicle is at a full stop.

No member shall mount the apparatus in a position where they cannot carry out the duties assigned to it unless specifically told to do so by an officer.

All members reporting to the scene in their personal vehicles shall report directly to the officer in charge OIC. When released from the scene ALL members shall return to the station to assist in the cleaning and reloading of hose and other tasks required returning the apparatus to an "IN SERVICE" condition. NO member shall leave the scene until cleared by OIC.

Any person who wishes to leave for work must notify the OIC officer.

When evacuation is required on a scene you will experience any one or a combination of the following:

- You will hear evacuate, evacuate, evacuate.
- 3 long blasts on the air horns.
- 3 pulses in water pressure on the hose.

Everyone will report back to command position for accountability.

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OFFICER DUTIES

The Chief, Assistant Chief and the Company Officers shall inspect members for compliance with the safety standards.

When deficiencies are detected, the member violating the standards shall be asked to correct the deficiency. Additionally, the officer shall report this to the Chief or Assistant Chief who can relieve the member from active duty in the firefighting unit until the violation is corrected.

Any and all reprimandable violations will be taken care of by the majority of the voting body of active members.

Assistant Fire Chief's Duties

- Maintain call and call attendance records.
- Responsible for Incident Reports being sent to the State Fire Commission.
- Responsible for monthly Non-Fire Call Reports being sent to the State Fire Commission.
- Maintain Turn-Out Gear assignments and records.
- Maintain all inventory and supply and supply records.
- Maintain all maintenance and apparatus records.
- Supervise necessary work details.
- Maintain Call Attendance Records for all wild fires.
- Responsible for completing all State Wild Fire reports and sending them into the Department of Natural Resources.
- Maintain all Wild Land Fire equipment on engines and report any problems to the Chief.

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MEMBERS DUTIES

- Firefighters will familiarize themselves with the station, grounds, equipment and apparatus.
- Firefighters will be responsible for the care and cleaning of their protective equipment.
- Firefighters shall report in full turn-out gear for all fire calls.
- Firefighters will attend, when possible, drills, training, sessions and work details.
- Firefighters will respond, when available, to all calls in which he or she is qualified.
- Firefighters will not transfer or remove equipment from the Department vehicles without the permission of the Chief or designated officer.
- Firefighters shall comply with all mandatory training requirements.
- Firefighters who are injured while responding, at an incident or returning from an incident shall notify the Officer in Charge immediately and complete an **accident/injury form.**
- Firefighters involved in an accident with a Fire Department Vehicle shall notify the Chief or Assistant Chief.
- Firefighters at times may be required to act as the Officer in Charge. They should be knowledgeable of the officer's duties.

The call log book is located next to the radio. When alarms are received, the following information should be logged using military time format:

Date
Time of Call
Location
On Scene Time
Return to Fire Hall Time
In Service Time

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- All Firefighters new to the department will comply with a 1 year probationary status that will be at the chief's discretion.

Probationary Firefighters-

- Firefighters must complete Firefighter 1, Firefighter 2, ARMER radio training, and First Responder Training. To be taken off probationary status.
- Firefighters should attend all drills, training sessions and work details.
- Firefighters will comply with all fire department rules and regulations.
- Firefighters will not participate in hazardous duties.
- Firefighters shall report in full turn-out gear for all fire calls.
- Firefighters shall report to the officer in Charge when responding to calls and check with the Officer in charge before leaving the scene of a fire or the cleanup detail after the fire or training session.
- Firefighters will be responsible for cleaning and care of issued department clothing.
- Firefighters will not enter the fire building until after the incident has been declared under control and then only after obtaining permission from the Officer in Charge.

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Junior Firefighters

- Junior Firefighters are considered personnel under the age of 18
- Junior Firefighters should attend all drills, training sessions
And work details.
- Junior Firefighters skipping a day from school and staying at the fire house
will be subject to disciplinary action.
- Junior Firefighters will comply with all fire department rules and
regulations.
- Junior Firefighters will not participate in hazardous duties.
- Junior Firefighters will not respond on fire or emergency apparatus to
emergency calls.
- Junior Firefighters shall report in full turn-out gear (if available to them)
for all fire calls. Their duties will be directed toward clean-up operations.
- Junior Firefighters shall report to the officer in Charge when responding to
calls and check with the Officer in charge before leaving the scene of a fire or
the cleanup detail after the fire or training session.
- Junior Firefighters will be responsible for cleaning and care of issued
department clothing.
- Junior Firefighters will not enter the fire ground or fire building until
after the incident has been declared under control and then only after obtaining
permission from the Officer in Charge.

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COMMUNICATIONS

An officer of the department should acknowledge the call. When members answer the call there are two methods to use.

Method 1 (Unknown response to members)

Douglas County this is Carlos Fire & Rescue we acknowledge the page.

Method 2 (If you know members are en route to the Firehouse)

Douglas County this is Carlos Fire & Rescue we are responding.

In the event that no member acknowledges the call, a second tone will be sent.

On fire calls, we have a mutual aid agreement with all neighboring departments. They are toned out at the discretion of the OIC (structure fire). If possible, tell dispatch who the mutual aid department is to save time.

On EMS calls, if EMS personnel does not answer the call in the first 4 minutes, have dispatch notify the next nearest department and/or paid service on call for the county. The type of emergency and responding personnel must also be evaluated. at least 2 EMS personnel must respond. Calls involving more than one patient, an additional ambulance(s) should be dispatched by Douglas County. In the event that personnel on scene are overwhelmed by the amount of injuries involved, the incident will be considered a "Mass Casualty Incident." Douglas County dispatch should be informed and guidelines should be followed in accordance with the **Regional Mass Casualty Response Plan.**

Members should know the apparatus names and signals. Also, they need to be familiar with the use of military time.

Members should know the radio frequencies used by the department and the channels they are on.

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General Radio Guidelines

All members of the department must complete the ARMER radio training.

1200 is the universal call number for the department OIC for on scene radio operations.

Call numbers for each member is always starting with 12xx ex.1201 is the member with the assigned number 1 when calling to the OIC member would say, (1201 to 1200 is there a backup team in place?).

Before transmitting, know what you intend to say. Push the transmitting button and hold for approximately 2 seconds or until you hear the talk tone and speak using a normal tone of voice. Do not transmit with the siren going, and keep background noise down when members are transmitting on the radio. Use plain language. Do not use "10" codes. **If you don't know what you are doing, stay off of the radio.**

Members having any problems with radio communications should direct their questions to officers of the department.

If Douglas County Dispatch goes out of service, Cameron Base Station will become a temporary dispatch center.

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EMS RESPONSES

- On all medical calls, at least 2 EMS personnel must respond.
- Members shall conduct themselves in a professional manner at the scene and at the hospital.
- Members shall maintain patient confidentiality.
- Members will report to the officer-in-charge for assignments.
- Only personnel certified in CPR shall be in the rear of the ambulance with the patient.
- First Responders duties shall be followed and administered to the level of their certification. When requested by a paramedic, EMT's can help set up IV's and the cardiac monitor, if trained in these guidelines.

Officer-In-Charge Duties

- The officer-in-charge is a senior level member of the fire department that is certified as a First Responder.
- The officer-in-charge is responsible for the overall scene, assessing the situation and calling for manpower or mutual aid, if deemed necessary.
- The officer-in-charge is responsible for assigning duties to all Fire department personnel.

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Driver Duties

- The driver shall drive in a safe manner with regard to the safety of the personnel, equipment and the general public.

-All drivers and personnel MUST wear their seatbelts at all times while the vehicle is in motion.

-This means the driver shall remain as calm as possible and vehicle speed and/or use of lights and sirens shall be determined by the following conditions:

- Type of call
- Weather
- Traffic
- Road conditions
- Low visibility

- The driver shall position the rescue vehicle for easy loading and unloading and easy departure from the scene.

-The Carlos Fire and Rescue Department WILL NOT under any circumstances transport any patients to a hospital without orders from a governing agency.

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AUTO ACCIDENTS WITH ENTRAPMENT

1. When arriving at scene, make a quick assessment. Full protective clothing must be worn by all members working at the scene.
2. Stabilize the vehicle with cribbing blocks or an equivalent method.
3. EMS providers should try and gain access to the patient. Be careful of broken glass, jagged metal, etc. Maintain manual cervical stabilization; check the ABC's (Airway, Breathing And Circulation) and a primary assessment. Begin EMERGENCY CARE and/or extraction until North Memorial Medical Services arrives on scene.
4. Extricate patient and assist Ambulance crews in loading of patient.
5. Assist in cleaning and removal of debris on scene.

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DRIVER TRAINING PROGRAM

This program is intended to provide the department with qualified drivers. Drivers are to be classified as **Resident Drivers** or **Drivers in Training**.

Resident Drivers

- All Resident Drivers must be at least 18 years of age.
- Resident Drivers of Fire Trucks shall have a working knowledge of pump and hose operations and all portable equipment carried on the trucks.
- Resident Drivers shall successfully pass a Driver in Training program or be grandfathered in as a Resident Driver.
- Resident Drivers of the EMS vehicles must have a valid CPR card and be knowledgeable on the location of the EMS/Rescue supplies.

Drivers in Training

- All members shall first be approved by the Chief before becoming a Driver in Training.
- All Drivers in Training shall be at least 18 years of age.
- All Drivers in Training must complete at least 2 hours of driving time on each piece of apparatus. The driving time shall be completed with the supervision of a Resident Driver.
- After completing the mandatory driving time, all Drivers in Training must complete and pass a driving test. If the Driver in Training fails the test an additional 2 hours of operational time must be performed before the driver can retest.
- New drivers need to complete a 3 hour training course on air brakes with a qualified fire department member designated by the fire chief. The trainer must have a minimum of a valid class B driver's license with an airbrake endorsement.

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DRIVING REGULATIONS

- Proper distance shall be maintained between moving apparatus to avoid rear-end collisions.
- Right of Way at intersections shall be yielded.
- No driver shall attempt at anytime to leave members in the station or the station's general area by quick response to a call. This will avoid the use of personal vehicles.
- Any mechanical problem found in any apparatus while in use shall be reported to the Officer in Charge. If in doubt as to any harm being done to the apparatus, stop the vehicle at once.
- Under no circumstances shall any aspect of safety be sacrificed in order to increase the speed of the response.
- Only personnel who have successfully completed and passed the departmental driver/operator training course are permitted to operate department vehicles, unless the vehicle is being operated under the supervision of an officer as part of the driver/operator training program. **Note: Under extreme circumstances, when no Resident Drivers are available, a Driver in Training may drive during in an emergency situation. The driver must have permission by the Officer in Charge and should be the driver with the most driver training time.**
- The driver **MUST** not move the apparatus until all personnel have their seat belts fastened.
- All audible and visual devices shall be in operation when making an **emergency response**.
- The driver shall always maintain a speed consistent with safe operation of the vehicle under the prevailing conditions.
- When an emergency vehicle approaches an intersection the driver shall come to a complete stop until all other traffic in the intersection has yielded.

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- The sole responsibility of the driver during an emergency response is to drive. The driver should not operate the radio, lights, sirens or other equipment.
- On approaching the emergency scene all drivers shall watch for emergency vehicles approaching from other directions.

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TRAINING

All new Firefighters shall complete the following training requirements:

- Minnesota Fire Fighter courses- Level 1 & Level 2
- First Responder with CPR
- ARMER radio training

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TRAINING REIMBURSEMENT

The purpose of this guideline is to:

- Ensure consistency in the reimbursement of expenses incurred by members of the Carlos Volunteer Fire Department and
- To ensure a good return on the investment the Department makes in its members training activities.

General Guidelines

Outside training (training that is not conducted by Carlos Volunteer Fire Department) is considered a privilege, not a right.

- Members must take courses appropriate with their training levels. Members must not be involved in advanced courses prior to completing their basic firefighting and EMT training.
- Members not maintaining the minimum hours and attendance required by the Department's by-laws will not be entitled to reimbursement for outside training.
- In order to qualify for reimbursement, the member must submit to the Treasurer copies of receipts (or other verification) for the cost of registration, tuition, etc.
- The Treasurer of the Department may prepay the cost of tuition in lieu of the member asking for reimbursement. The member must attend the class; otherwise, the member must reimburse the Treasurer for all prepaid costs.
- Reimbursement costs related to training will be as follows:
 - Tuition-100%
 - Meals- TBD
 - Lodging- TBD
 - Follow National Average for per diem.

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PROPANE MATERIALS

- When a call is received for a hazardous materials incident a full response will be dispatched to the incident.
- The Officer in Charge should immediately establish a command post up-hill and up-wind of the incident and a hazard zone should be established.
- Once the hazardous materials incident has been confirmed, additional agencies should be notified as needed.
- The Officer in Charge should notify Law Enforcement Agencies to stop traffic in both directions of the incident.
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CARLOS VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

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