

	Nokomis Fire Department		
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	Automobile Fires		

PURPOSE:

The following guidelines are to be followed when responding to and combating a vehicle fire:

1. All personnel except the driver shall don full protective clothing including SCBA before responding.
2. When possible the engine shall be placed a minimum of 100 ft from the vehicle, upwind and uphill.
3. SCBA shall be used whenever any smoke is emitting from the vehicle.
4. The fire shall not be fought with a hose line smaller than 1-3/4" diameter.
5. Direction of approach for extinguishment shall take into consideration the following items:
 1. Wind Direction- The fire shall be attacked from upwind whenever possible.
 2. Do not approach directly in front of or to the rear of, a vehicle due to the possibility of the bumper shocks exploding.
 3. Do not approach directly from the sides of the vehicle due to the possibility of split rims or tires exploding.
6. Never remove the fuel tank cap.
7. Battery cables should only be cut under protection of a hose stream.
8. Fire-medics and officers need to be aware of conditions that would indicate unusual problems. This is especially true when the fire involves the trunk area or if the vehicle involved is a truck or van.
9. Consideration should be given by the Officer In Charge (OIC) to order a second line to be pulled for protection of personnel.
10. The OIC shall request from dispatch, a second engine to respond when the vehicle is fully involved. This engine company will serve as the rapid intervention team.
11. All personnel need to be aware of the possibility of having un-deployed air bags inside the vehicle. Never try to secure an un-deployed air bag in place and always stay out of the "Line of fire" of the bag.