



# GENERAL ORDER

## Inclement Weather Response Accident Policy

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Approved By: Darren L. Stevens, Fire Rescue Chief

In an effort to minimize multiple responses to previously mitigated vehicle accidents, reduce unnecessary exposure to vehicular traffic hazards, and apparatus being committed to roadways during inclement weather, the Inclement Weather Response Accident Policy (IWRAP) has been established.

During periods of inclement weather when a high call volume on roadways occurs, and emergency apparatus must leave from an incident prior to the retrieval of incapacitated vehicles by tow companies, emergency personnel shall mark the disabled vehicles utilizing fire line tape.

The preferred method of marking is to wrap the vehicles circumferentially, securing the tape to the bumpers, mirrors or other vehicle parts in an effort to keep the tape from blowing off. The disabled vehicles should be adequately marked using this method so that other vehicles passing through the area can identify that emergency personnel have completed a check of the scene and moved on with no hazards present. ECC should be advised that the vehicle(s) at that location have been marked. The report to ECC should include vehicle descriptions with tag numbers to assist with tracking the removal of the vehicles.

All suppression apparatus and EMS vehicles should carry at least one roll of yellow fire line tape to be utilized for taping off scenes.

The IWRAP should be activated when weather conditions are present that historically result in numerous calls for service on accident prone roadways. Any responding unit can request the activation of the policy through the on duty Battalion Chief or Volunteer Chief Officer.

The Chief Officer approving the request shall contact ECC and request an announcement be made on the radio that the Inclement Weather Response Accident Policy has been activated. The policy shall be deactivated in a similar manner once a Chief Officer notifies ECC of the deactivation.

Questions regarding this General Order should be directed to Battalion Chief Kidwell.