





Fauquier County Department of Fire Rescue

	OPERATING PROCEDURE	No. 206	
	NOVA Procedures for Roadway Incidents		
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PURPOSE

To adopt and implement the Northern Virginia Fire/Rescue Department's Operations Manual dealing with Operating Procedures for Roadway Incidents, 4th edition (2021)

SCOPE

All personnel shall become aware, understand, and implement the NOVA Operating Procedures for Roadway Incidents.

I. PREFACE

- A. The Northern Virginia area fire and rescue departments have been utilizing such manuals for over a decade. The information, strategy and tactics, initial incident command objectives, and various other incident management concepts contained in the manuals represent years of planning and development. This has been completed through numerous incident responses, local and regional pre-incident planning and lessons learned throughout the region and county.
- B. By having the area fire and rescue departments operate on incident scenes using the same manual, consistency and overall situational awareness are known and understood by all operating on scene. Fauquier County is considered part of the NOVA Fire and Rescue Departments, and by implementing the Operating Procedures for Roadway Incidents Manual, consistency for mutual aid companies (receiving and assisting) will be achieved.

II. PROCEDURE

- A. The Fauquier County Fire and Rescue Association in conjunction with the Chiefs Group and the Fauquier County Department of Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Management, hereby adopt the Northern Virginia Fire/Rescue Department's Operations Manual: Operating Procedures for Roadway Incidents 4th edition (2021), as amended in section III.

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- B. All members in the Fauquier County Fire and Rescue System (career and/or volunteer) shall adhere to the procedures and roles/responsibilities outlined in the Operating Procedures for Roadway Incidents 4th edition (2021)

III. ADDENDUM

- A. Should additional resources be necessary due to roadway conditions or accident location, responding or on scene personnel may request the appropriate resources be added to ensure a safe resolution to the incident.

B. DEFINITIONS

1. Divided Highway: a major roadway which has a barrier (such as grass, guardrail, or trees) that separate the lanes of traffic moving in opposite directions.
2. Limited Access Highway/Roadway: a highway or arterial roadway for high speed traffic which has limited or no access to adjacent property, some degree of separation to opposing traffic flow, use of grade separated interchanges to some extent, prohibition of some modes of transportation such as bicycles or horses, and very few or no intersecting cross streets.