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SUBJECT: Marking of Disabled Vehicles & Road Obstructions	EFFECTIVE DATE: 6/20/08
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PURPOSE: The purpose of this guideline is to outline marking of disabled vehicles and roadway obstructions to help prevent repeated responses to the same incident.

BACKGROUND: This guideline is needed to prevent repeated responses for the same incident found by later 911 callers.

POLICY: Fire company or rescue squad personnel should attempt to stay with any disabled vehicle, downed utility line, or any other hazard that is blocking traffic lanes until law enforcement or other appropriate agency arrives to remedy the situation. Under extreme conditions due to call load or inclement weather it may be necessary to leave an aforementioned hazard in, or adjacent to the roadway. In those circumstances the following guidelines will be followed to the mark the hazard.

1. Marking Disabled Vehicles and Hazards

When fire/rescue personnel find it necessary to leave a disabled vehicle or other hazard they should mark it in the following manner:

- Personnel shall attempt to safely wrap or surround the vehicle/hazard with "Fire Line Tape" (or similar yellow Caution tape) in such a manner that the tape is visible to passers-by.
- Personnel should then notify dispatch of the vehicle/hazard location and that it has been marked. This will be done so that further calls to 911 might result in an identification of the vehicle as already having been investigated, therefore eliminating the need for further response by any fire and rescue agency.