Vehicle Accident Operations

Report on Conditions

- Hazards (fuel, electrical, traffic, access, etc.).
- Need for law enforcement, ambulance, helicopter, tow truck, extrication tools.
- Injuries (number of patients, severity).
- Vehicles (number, type).

Establish Traffic Control

- Place apparatus between oncoming traffic and rescuers. Keep exhaust from pointing at scene and patients.
- Place warning devices.
- Establish positive communications.
- Consider the use of high visibility vests.

Assess Fire Hazard or Potential

- Take suppression action as needed if trained, equipped, and authorized.
- Be aware of fuels running downslope.

Perform Patient Assessment

- Provide first aid or triage assessment.
- If there are fatalities, do not give names or other information over radio that would reveal identity, and do not move body.

Keep dispatcher advised of changes. Document all actions taken.