

Procedure

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**Eugene
Police Department**



Traffic Services

6.7.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

PART I - Responsibilities and Procedures for Sworn Personnel

- A. Vehicle Fire
- B. Injured persons
- C. Escorts
- D. Stalled motorists
- E. Hazards
- F. Towing

6.7.2 RESPONSIBILITIES AND PROCEDURES FOR SWORN PERSONNEL

- A. Vehicle fire
 - 1. Request fire personnel.
 - 2. Attempt to remove anyone trapped in the vehicle. If the person is injured, you must weigh the danger of exacerbating injuries by moving him/her against the danger posed by leaving him/her in the vehicle until medical help arrives.
 - 3. If you feel you can do so with reasonable safety, you may opt to attempt to extinguish a small fire with your fire extinguisher. If you do so, maintain a safe distance from the fire and avoid breathing the fumes from the fire or the powder from the fire extinguisher.
- B. Injured persons
 - 1. Request EMS for victims who need a medical assistance beyond simple first aid. Provide first aid until relieved by fire/EMS personnel or someone more qualified than you.
 - 2. You may not transport injured persons except in life-threatening situations when no other reasonable option is available. Inform Communications and your supervisor if you are transporting.

C. Escorts

1. You may not provide emergency escorts (Code Two or Three) unless authorized by a command officer.

D. Stalled motorists

1. You may assist motorists by notifying, or having dispatch notify, a repair or transportation service (e.g., tow trucks, cabs, service stations) or someone else who can assist.
2. You may assist by changing flat tires or in other reasonable ways. However, you may **not** perform minor repairs, or jump-start any vehicle not owned by the department. (If you jump-start a department vehicle, you should wear eye protection while doing so.)