

Lincoln County Fire and Rescue Association

Standard Operating Guideline (SOG)

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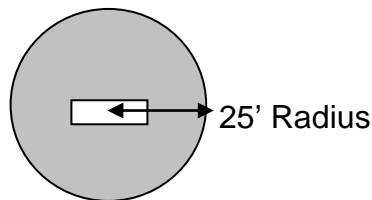
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Title: Vehicle Entrapment/Pin-In/Rescue Action Circle

Purpose: To promote the safety of emergency workers that are assisting with an Entrapment, Pin-In, Rescue scene. Flying debris, sharp surfaces, un-deployed airbags, electrical shock, and blood borne pathogens are just a few of the hazards that exist in proximity to a wrecked vehicle.

Definition: The Action Circle (HOT ZONE) is an imaginary circle with a radius of 25' around the damaged vehicle(s).



PPE requirements: FOR ALL AGENCIES OPERATING INSIDE THE ACTION CIRCLE. AGENCIES INVOLVED ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR WEARING ISSUED PROTECTIVE GEAR.

- Helmet: structural or rescue
- Gloves: structural or rescue
(EMS gloves are not adequate for tasks other than patient care)
- Structural coat or approved coveralls
- Boots: structural firefighting or leather closed-toed footwear
- Eye protection: goggles or safety glasses are preferred.
- AGENCY ISSUED PPE PERMITTED ONLY: NO SHORTS, TENNIS SHOES, STREET CLOTHS, DUTY UNIFORMS AND/ OR FLIPFLOPS ARE ACCEPTIBLE!

Incident Commander: Will be defined as the lead agency that is actively involved in Rescue operations. **IT IS THE IC's DUTY TO ENFORCE PPE BY ALL AGENCIES.** The IC should take a position at the edge of the Action Circle for best view of the entire scene.

- EMS will become the primary agency when extrication has been safely completed and the victim removed from the action circle.

Hose line protection: A minimum of a charged 1 ½" (1 ¾" preferred) hose line shall be manned by a skilled firefighter (two firefighters are preferred) in structural PPE at the edge of the Action Circle to aid rescuers in the event of a flash fire. SCBA is optional.