Roadway Incident “Cue Card”

“Block” with first-arriving vehicle or apparatus to protect the scene, patients, and emergency personnel.
- Block at least one additional lane
- Block so pump panel is “down stream”
- Block most critical or highest traffic volume direction first
- Consider requesting additional PD assistance

**Crews wear proper PPE w/ Helmet**
- Public Safety or Class II vests at all times
- Helmet at all times
- Full PPE plus Public Safety or Class II vest between dusk and dawn or inclement weather

**Establish more than adequate advance warning**
- Deploy minimum 5 Traffic cones upstream
- Traffic cones at 15’ to 50’ intervals (Based on conditions and type of road)
- Cones only “Suggest” they don’t Block!
- Expand initial safe work zone

**Direct placement of ambulances**
- Assure ambulances park within shadow of larger apparatus as directed
- Lane 1 is furthest right lane, next is Lane 2, then Lane 3, etc. from approaching motorist’s point of view
- Direct ambulance to “block to the right” or “block to the left” to protect loading doors
  - Place ambulance patient loading area facing away from closest lane of moving traffic
- All patient loading into ambulance is done from within a protected work zone

**You are the Scene Safety Officer**
- Consider assigning FF as upstream “Spotter” as necessary for approaching traffic

**Night or Reduced Light Conditions**
- Turn OFF vehicle headlights
- Turn OFF Opticom
- Provide overall scene lighting
- All personnel in PPE w/helmets
- Illuminate cones with flares
- Consider additional Truck company for additional upstream “Block”

**Limited access, high-volume highway incidents**
- Establish initial block: minimum two lanes
- Ladder truck establishes upstream block
  - two lanes plus paved shoulder or
  - three driving lanes
- Place cones and/or cones illuminated by flares upstream of ladder truck apparatus
  - last cone approximately 200 feet “upstream” of apparatus
- Establish Flagger position
  - monitor approaching traffic
  - sound emergency signal as necessary
- Driver operator of ladder truck apparatus
  - sound a series of long blasts on apparatus air horn as necessary
- Use law enforcement vehicles for additional blocking
- Stage additional companies off highway
- Establish liaison with law enforcement
- Terminate incident aggressively

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