Firefighter injuries and fatalities while operating on roadways have increased significantly in the last 2 years. Many requests for emergency service require firefighters to position apparatus, operate apparatus and work near moving traffic. Every effort must be taken by the officer and crew to position effectively for operational safety. Using your department SOG’s, discuss the appropriate positioning for apparatus at specific operational scenes.

**General Considerations**
- Use apparatus as a shield
- Utilize cones, flares, and other diversion devices to control traffic flow
- Reposition apparatus/personnel if they are not in a safe position
  - If in doubt, shut down the traffic
- Look in all directions before you step off apparatus and into traffic flow
- Wear protective clothing with reflective markings

**Discussion Questions**
Using the roadway diagram on page #2 and an erasable marker, diagram the following incidents and show the proper position of apparatus that would respond to that type of incident.
- Head-on auto accident on highway
- Auto accident in the middle of an intersection
- Car fire on shoulder of expressway
- Grass fire in median of the highway
  - Car off road in ditch
- Ambulance call on the highway
Show typical responding apparatus positions for the following operations:

- Head-on auto accident
- Auto accident in the middle of an intersection
- Auto accident on a curve
- Car fire on shoulder of expressway
- Grass fire in median of the highway
- Car off road in ditch
- Ambulance call on the highway
- Fuel spill or suspected hazardous material incident

Review department procedures or accepted practices for each incident.