Bath Township Fire Department			Standard Operating Guideline	
Section **Operations**	**Referral No.** **O-11**	**Subject:** **Motor Vehicle Crash Response**	**Date Issued** **3/06**	**Date Revised** **3/08**

Purpose:

- To provide guidelines for safe emergency response to motor vehicle crashes and defines the response plan to such incidents.

Scope:

- This standard operating guideline shall apply to all personnel.

Responsibilities:

- Officer
  - Ensure that personnel respond properly.
  - Provide direction based on the Incident Management System.
  - Ensure the safety of all personnel.
- Personnel
  - All personnel have the responsibility of following the direction of Incident Command
  - All personnel have the responsibility to wear the proper safety equipment and to operate in a safe manor.

Guidelines:

- **Safety is always our first priority**
- Respond Medic 1306 or 1307, Rescue 1309, and Engine 1304.
  - Rescue 1309: Stage in a safe location where equipment and tools are easily accessible.
  - Medic Unit: Stage "Down -Stream" from the accident
  - Engine1304: Stage 50 - 100 feet "Up-Stream" from the accident in a blocking position.
  - **Tanker 1303 will be used for blocking when accidents occur on I-75.**
    - Exit apparatus and **<u>always remain aware of oncoming traffic</u>.**
    - Place orange cones and the emergency sign up-stream of E-1304.
    - Always wear Reflective vest while operating on roadways.
- Incident Command shall be established at all motor vehicle crashes.
  - The Command Post location should be carefully chosen to provide access and a good view of the scene.
- A Safety Officer shall be designated and shall observe the overall scene including oncoming traffic.
- A "buffer-zone" of <u>one lane</u> shall be maintained at all times while crews are operating.
  - "Buffer-zone": Area between moving traffic and emergency crews.
- The I.C. may request additional apparatus to achieve scene safety.

- Police agencies may be used for traffic control although do not rely on police cars for blocking purposes.
  - Traffic control should be left to law enforcement whenever possible.
- If fire units are cancelled enroute by another agency, they should not proceed into the scene unless re-dispatched.
  - This creates unnecessary congestion and other traffic problems at the scene.
- Units responding should attempt to reach the scene in the direction of the reported incident unless otherwise instructed.
- Position apparatus between oncoming traffic and operating personnel in order to protect the scene from approaching vehicles.
  - Warning lights must be visible to oncoming traffic.
- Employ rear lights, flares, reflectors, or cones as needed.
- Do your job as rapidly as possible and then clear the traffic lanes.