

	<b>UNION CENTER FIRE COMPANY INC.</b> <b>Best Operating Guidelines</b>	
	<b>Subject: Vehicle Fires</b>	<b>BOG Series Operations</b>
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The purpose of this guideline is to provide guidance in attack and extinguishment of motor vehicle fires. Effective and proper procedures will expedite the operation, reduce damage, and improve the level of firefighter safety.

Upon arrival, command shall be established and a size-up should be given to communications. Locate the apparatus at a safe distance, upwind and uphill from the emergency when possible to avoid being caught in any leaking contaminants.

Firefighters involved in suppression activities with motor vehicle fires should exercise the following precautions:

- Attack vehicle from the side, from an upwind direction.
- Avoid attack from the front or rear due to shock absorbing bumpers which could explode when heated.
- Fire attack should be made using an 1 3/4" attack line.
- Advancing hose lines should be operated on a fog pattern to effect rapid extinguishment and protect the firefighters. When approaching the vehicle, the firefighter on the nozzle shall make a sweeping motion with the water to push away any hazards and extinguish any fire under the vehicle
- Firefighters **shall** be wearing full protective clothing including SCBA.
- The vehicles battery should be disconnected and any hazardous materials spilled on the ground should be properly disposed of by qualified personnel.