



FAIRFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT ROLL CALL TRAINING

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Overtured Vehicles

The question has been raised on what do to when a subject is trapped in an overturned vehicle. The Fairfield Fire Department advised of the following:

Turning a vehicle right side up following a traffic collision is highly dangerous for officers as well as the patients in the vehicle. By moving the vehicle, patient care is compromised and can lead to further injury. The officer could also sustain a multitude of injuries from back injuries to the vehicle crushing them. Therefore, it is best to wait for fire personnel to arrive on the scene and stabilize the situation.

It is not the practice of the Fairfield Fire Department to flip vehicles back over. The Fairfield Fire Department can extricate occupants regardless of the vehicle's position. Every situation has unique circumstances and Officers must use appropriate discretion when making potential life-saving decisions.

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