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RESPONDING TO VEHICLE FIRES

Suppression of vehicle fires is extremely dangerous and poses many health hazards to firefighters. The following procedures are recommended:

- Secure the scene and provide or request assistance for traffic control.
- Provide for your escape route at the scene.
- Do not use road flares if fuel is leaking from the vehicle or if wildland fuel is nearby.
- Vehicle fires are considered a hazardous materials scene. Suppression action should only be taken if the crew is trained, equipped, and authorized in the use of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA).
- If taking suppression action on wildland fuels, firefighters should ensure that they are a safe distance from the burning vehicle (100-foot minimum), and avoid contact with vehicle fire smoke or fumes.
- Check vehicle for hazmat placard
- Vehicle fires in remote areas are often associated with illegal drug manufacturing – request and wait for law enforcement

References:

[Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations](#)

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