



**COMMUNICATIONS OPERATIONS
FIRE SERVICE POLICY**

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SUBJECT: VEHICLE OR VESSEL FIRE

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A vehicle or vessel fire is any fire, smoke, heat or burning smell involving a vehicle or vessel (boat).

- Always determine the location and condition of any passengers. Are they safe? Trapped? Do they need medical attention?
- Determine the vehicle or vessel type (passenger or large vehicle, vessel out of water, etc) and the portions involved.
- Determine the proximity of the vehicle fire to a structure. Classify a vehicle or vessel fire with flames present and inside a structure as a structure fire (CONSTR).
- Dispatch according to CAD recommendations.

Passenger Vehicle

- Less than 9 passengers or a pick up truck.

Large Vehicle

- Commercial trucks (cargo, tanker, etc.); buses; recreational vehicles (RVs).

Vessel

- Size and type
- Out of water, in harbor, on open water.

Threatened Structure

A vehicle or vessel fire that threatens a structure may generate a structure fire response.