

Kennebunkport Fire Department

SOG 5

CAR ACCIDENTS: DIVISION OF JURISDICTION AND RESPONSIBILITY

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Car accidents are not the sole responsibility of one agency or organization but do involve all agencies that may have a specific duty to the emergency confronted.

Fire Department responsibility: The Fire Department has the duty and responsibility of both fire prevention and of fire extinguishment at car accidents as well as extrication of injured persons. Extrication, although the responsibility of the fire department is to be undertaken as a mutual assistance effort with KEMS who has sole responsibility for all medical treatment.

Although specific area of the accident belong to either KEMS, the Police or the Fire Department, mutual cooperation is expected at all times.

It shall be this Department's policy that the Fire Department shall determine if an accident scene which involves a roll over, gas spill, downed power lines, chemical spills or personal injury is to be secured from Fire Department response. This Department will not determine the nature of personal injuries or matters pertaining to the traffic codes.

It shall be the sole discretion of the fire officer on the scene as to how many firefighters are required or how many pieces of apparatus are needed on the scene

Fire units shall remain on the scenes for as long as there remains any form of fire danger or if requested for assistance by either KEMS or by the police department. The Fire Department shall also render assistance when possible to any request made either from KEMS or by the Police Department.