

**BURLINGTON TWP. FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
**STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINE #5**

**VEHICLE FIRES**

**Purpose:** To provide key elements in dealing with a vehicle fire.

**Scope:** To provide fire suppression guide for Firefighters when dealing with a vehicle fire.

1. All personnel should report to the hall in a safe manner.
2. 15-21 should be the first truck enroute followed by 15-22 and 15-31. Then 15-41 if needed.
3. All apparatus drivers should stage trucks at the scene, so traffic is not blocked, and all apparatus are on same side of the incident and facing the same direction unless advised otherwise by Incident Command.
4. All Firefighters are required to wear appropriate structural firefighting PPE along with an SCBA.
5. Incident Command will be established upon arriving on scene by a Fire Officer or Senior Firefighter.
6. Incident Command will determine the most appropriate fire suppression method to extinguish the fire.
7. Incident Command shall be the only one to request additional resources or mutual aid.
8. An incident channel shall be requested once arriving on scene.
9. If any utility wire is down on scene, it will be marked with at least four green cones. Green cones are in the storage area above the pump panel on 15-21 and on the rear of 15-31. Cones will be placed a minimum of 25 feet away from the wire on either side. The cones will be placed at the beginning and end of the contact points with the ground. Caution or danger tape will be placed between the cones to cordon off the length of the wire. Green cones will be utilized for marking utility wires only.
10. Prior to clearing the scene, Incident Command will ensure needed information is obtained for the vehicle. This includes the registered owner's name and address, the registration plate number, the vehicle identification number, and the insurance company name and policy number.

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11. Incident Command of the fire scene shall remain in command until all apparatus are back in service and appropriate paperwork is filled out.
12. No Firefighter is to leave until all work is completed or you are released by Incident Command.