

Fire Department Report  
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After the vehicle extrication with severe injuries to the driver, the services had a follow-up debrief of this accident. The tools we used were/are priceless, the Genesis battery-powered cutters and spreaders the fire department purchased were a huge part of freeing the injured driver from the crashed vehicle. As with all of our programs/purchases, we study the products and make educated decisions on what to purchase with regards to our location and the unique department we have. Another very apparent thing surfaced: our training proved priceless, as most of the crew -- both Fire and EMS -- had at least one multi-jurisdictional training with vehicle extrication!! We will hustle to get all the new recruits to the same plateau of experience.

We fully expect that the research put into our search-and-rescue drone program will hold the same results and that it will produce the expectations we have conveyed: more efficient and timely rescue and recovery without the burden being placed solely on our department members. That being said, we have indeed taken possession of our two new automated members to the department (aerial drones) and will be steadily bringing the program to most every call. Special thanks to assistant chief Alan Hardie for completion of his FAA licenses for compliance certification to fly these at fire/rescue calls. Martin Curry is en route to be the secondary pilot.

Very proud of our department, as we have come a long way in the past 2 decades I have been with this team.

As always, be safe and watch the skies while we are on calls -- as we will be there as well.

Chief Reichkitzer

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