Lesson 1

A “Routine” Incident

• March 9, 1998 at 2:10 p.m. – Raining, wet roadways
• Vehicle on PA Turnpike lost control and slid into a drainage ditch... 911 is called
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A “Routine” Incident – Aftermath

Photo Courtesy of the Lionville Fire Company (PA)
Eight firefighters and two EMTs were struck by the 18-wheeler as it slid into the incident scene

- One firefighter killed
- Nine other responders seriously injured

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• Established upstream of the incident to alert drivers of the upcoming incident scene

• Should be high priority for emergency responders

• Placement of advance warning devices may need to be adjusted for situations near a corner, hill, or other reduced visibility situations

• A shoulder taper, set up using traffic cones, may also be established in the Advance Warning Area
• Emergency traffic control warning and guide signs should have:
  – Diamond shape
  – Black lettering and a black border
  – Fluorescent pink background

• The signs come in two sizes:
  – 36" x 36" – Low speed, low volume
  – 48" x 48" – High speed, high volume