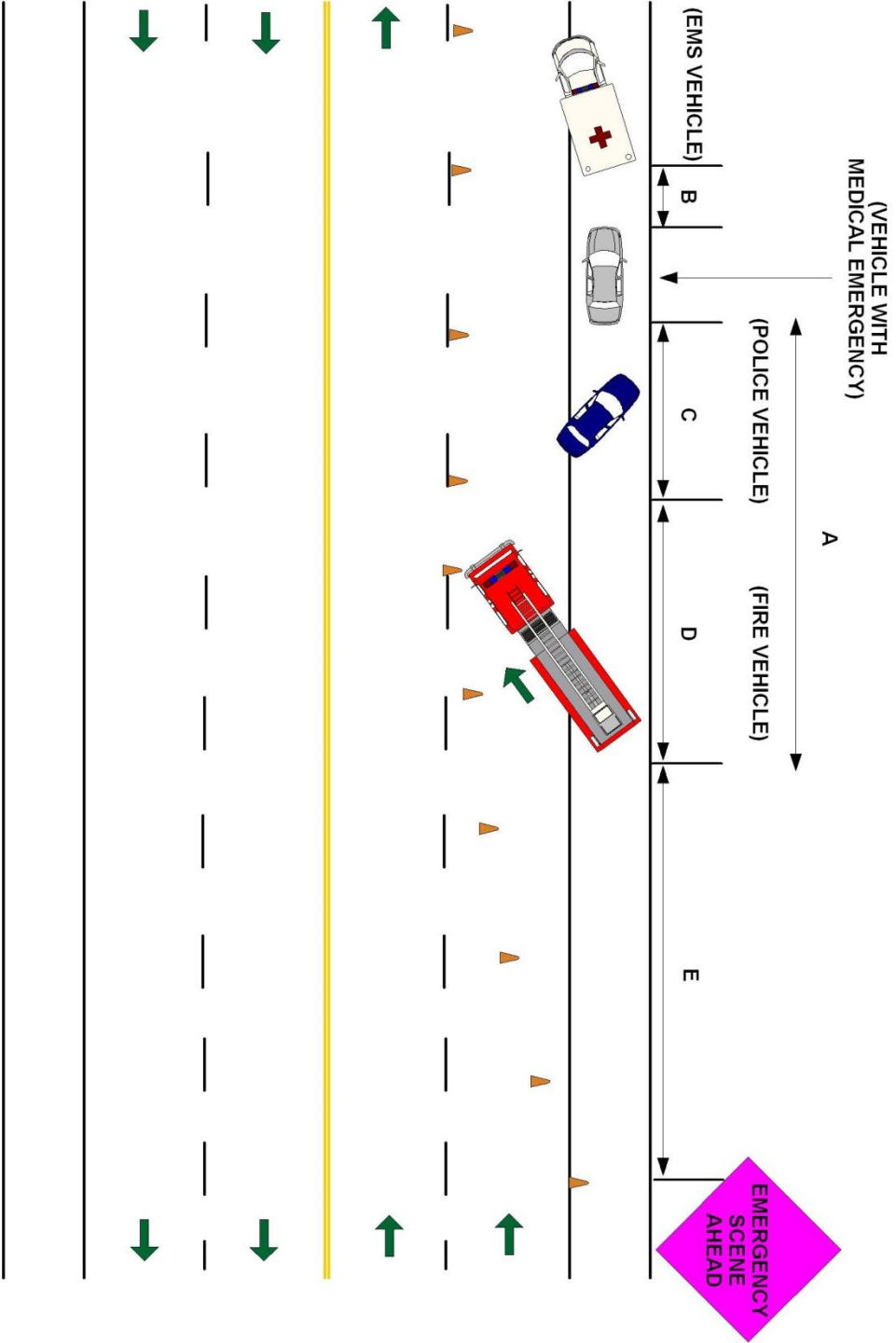


Parking Fire Apparatus



MUTCD requires
LE, F/R, EMS &
T&R establish a
MUTCD-compliant
**“Traffic Incident
Management Area”**



Linear/Block Tactical Positioning

Linear Positioning: This means that incident responder vehicles are positioned in a straight line at the incident scene.

Block Positioning: This means that incident responder vehicles are positioned at angles that create a protected work area for responders and vehicle occupants.

If you decide to “work it,” then it’s either ‘Linear’ or ‘Block’ Traffic Incident Management



A 'Linear' tow truck service call





A 'Linear' EMS call
in a residential
neighborhood



A very dangerous
'Linear' EMS incident



Incident Considerations

- Since it is not possible to remove the vehicle occupant via the driver's door, this will have to be accomplished through the passenger side, meaning that EMS responders will be directly exposed to moving traffic since no lanes have been closed.
- Think about how they would have had to remove the long board and bring it to the patient.

Lane +1 Blocking



To increase safety, use the “Lane + 1” Blocking Protocol **initially** to create an adequate “buffer” for responders



By the very nature of our work, F/R & EMS need...
“Lane + 1” Blocking



Progressively Re-open Lanes

Take only **as many lanes as you need**, for **only as long as you need them**. As the incident is cleared, lanes can progressively be **re-opened**.

Fire Apparatus Safe Positioning

Vehicle
firefighting
also requires
“Lane + 1”
Blocking

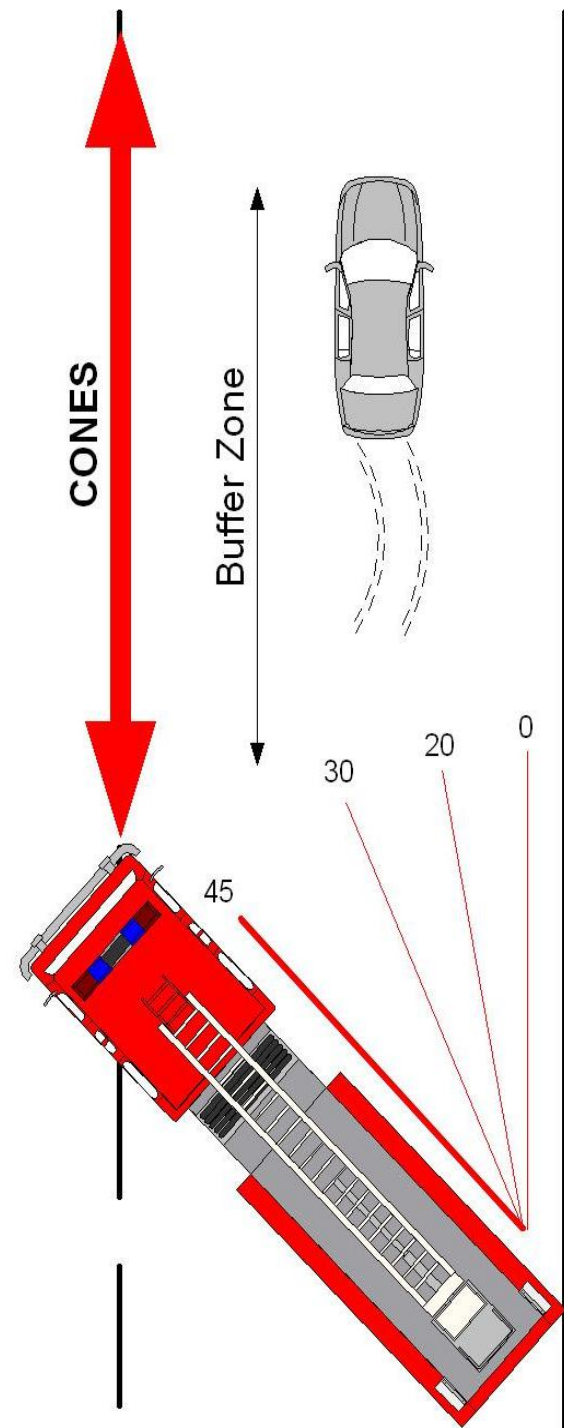




Safe Positioning begins with a 'Block'



“Blocking ” is the action of positioning a vehicle at an angle to halt the flow of moving traffic in one or more lanes.





Large, heavy fire apparatus provide the best 'Blocks'

Blocking creates a protected **Work Area**





Lane + 1 Blocking

Remember, the **shoulder** counts as a lane.

Critical Wheel Angle



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If this is how you position apparatus and allow your personnel to operate while working in or near moving traffic..... You will be next on the LODD list!