SAFE PARKING
SCENE SAFETY

STAY ALIVE
**Typical Vehicle Positioning**

**Upstream**
- Law Enforcement
- Fire
- DOT or Safety Service Patrol Vehicle

**Downstream**
- Ambulance
- Tow Truck
- Other Support Units
The positioning of emergency vehicles at an incident in a manner that attempts to:

1. Protect the responders performing their duties
2. Protect road users traveling through the incident scene
3. Minimize, to the extent practical, disruption of the adjacent traffic flow
• Blocking is the action of positioning a responder vehicle in advance of an incident to obstruct the flow of moving traffic in one or more lanes
  - Linear Block – occurs when a responder positions their vehicle to block a single lane or the shoulder
  - Multi-Lane Block – occurs when the first responder positions their vehicle to block multiple involved lanes
• There are two ways an emergency response vehicle is commonly positioned on the roadway
  – Angled
  – Parallel (straight)

• Considerations for determining how to position a vehicle include:
  – Current conditions, such as roadway geometry, sight distance, weather, etc.
  – Safety of other responders, crash victims, and passing motorists
  – Impact to vehicle visibility, including vehicle markings and emergency vehicle lighting
Typical Vehicle Positioning

**Upstream**
- Law Enforcement
- Fire
- DOT or Safety Service Patrol Vehicle

**Downstream**
- Ambulance
- Tow Truck
- Other Support Units
Verification involves collecting sufficient information on the nature of the incident including identifying:

- Type and level of incident
- Exact physical location
- Number of vehicles involved
  - Color and type if possible
- Lanes affected
- Injuries, entrapment
Initial/Windshield Size-Up

- Upon first arriving on-scene, an initial or windshield size-up report should be provided
  - Confirmation of geographical location
  - Preliminary analysis of current situation
  - Actions required to mitigate the situation
  - Resources required to support those actions

- Should take into consideration any unique safety situations apparent to responders as they arrive on-scene
Incident Duration Classifications

- **Minor**: < 30 minutes
- **Intermediate**: 30 min - 2 hrs
- **Major**: > 2 hours
Lane +1 Blocking
– Protected Incident Space
Lane +1 Blocking
**MUTCD Section 6D.03 states:**

All workers, including emergency responders, within the right-of-way of a roadway who are exposed either to traffic (vehicles using the highway for purposes of travel) or to work vehicles and construction equipment **SHALL** wear high-visibility safety apparel...
Advance Warning Signs

EMERGENCY SCENE AHEAD