

PURPOSE

To establish safe operating procedures for incidents involving locked vehicles.

PROCEDURE**1. Arrival and Attempting Access**

- A. Confirm the vehicle is locked and there is a need for emergency responders to unlock the vehicle.
- B. The Company Officer will inform the driver/owner of the vehicle that damage to the vehicle may occur if access is attempted.
- C. If immediate entry is needed, force entry.

2. Unsuccessful Access

- A. If access is unsuccessful, and if necessary, inform dispatch to contact a private company for assistance.
- B. If unable to gain access, and the Company Officer determines necessity, break out the window to gain entry.
- C. If unable to gain access, and the Company Officer determines there is no immediate threat to the occupants (and the private company is enroute), the apparatus may stay on-scene and return to service.

KEY CONSIDERATIONS

- Only attempt access into a vehicle where a person or animal is locked inside.
- In extreme weather conditions, strongly consider activating locksmith prior to arrival of the scene.