

Grand Forks Fire Department

Standard Operating Procedures

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1. The purpose of this SOP is to give emergency response personnel guidance in securing both emergency and non-emergency scenes, and to provide a safe working zone in traffic areas, on the fire ground, or at technical rescue incidents.
2. Scene control shall be established as soon as possible after arrival.
3. Cones, lights, and barrier tape are intended as visual aids to direct traffic or secure a scene for the safety of all emergency response personnel and the public.
4. Cones shall not be used to block off a street without first coordinating with the Grand Forks Police Department Officer on scene, unless the situation warrants, (ex. charged hose already in place across the street). GFPD may also assist in placement of cones.
5. Strobe lights are to be used at night, or in cases of rain, wind, and snow. Lights are not intrinsically safe and discretion must be used when placing lights in a potentially hazardous atmosphere.
6. Cones may be used to secure hot, warm, and cold zones as needed for Technical Rescue incidents, HAZMAT incidents, or any other situations deemed appropriate by department officers.
7. Barrier tape may be used in conjunction with the cones to secure perimeters.

8. For traffic accidents, cone and strobe light placement has been referenced from the Department of Labor Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

An example has been provided below:

