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STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE
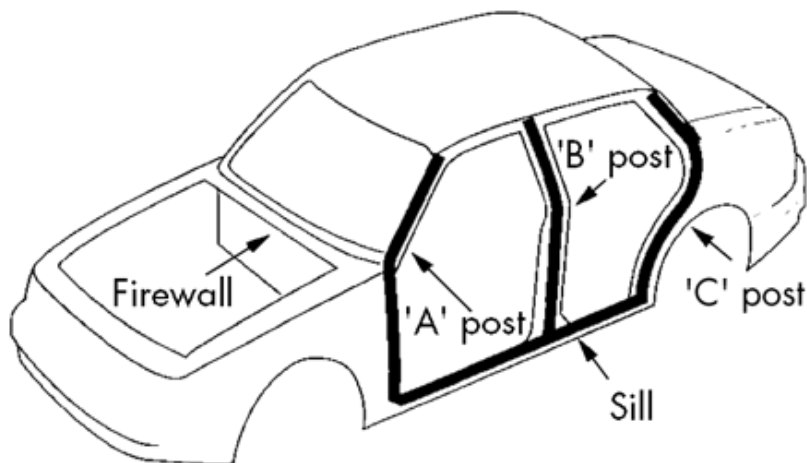
BIOHAZARD MARKING OF VEHICLES

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Purpose: *The purpose of this procedure is to mark vehicles which are believed or suspected to have biohazards (items contaminated with body fluids) at accident scenes so that civilians will be reasonably warned of the presence of such hazards so they can act accordingly.*

Procedure:

1. A supply of orange, self-adhesive marking tape, having "Biohazard" and the UN standard symbol for biohazards will be placed in all fire and EMS apparatus including command cars.

2. The Incident Commander or highest authority at auto accident scenes will determine if involved vehicles are believed to contain biohazards.

3. If the Incident Commander or highest authority has reason to believe such vehicle(s) contain biohazards the Incident Commander shall cause the affected vehicle(s) to be marked with bio-hazard warning tape.

4. The marking of vehicles with bio-hazard tape shall consist of one (1) wrapping of the tape, completely encircled (or as much as practical based upon the vehicle's condition) around the passenger compartment. This shall be from the left A post to the left B post, to the left C post, across the back window, to the right C post, to the right B post, to the right A post, across the front windshield, to the left A post. This order need not be specifically followed, as long as the intent of marking the vehicle is met.

5. By mutual agreement of all involved agencies, the following will be the order of preference of marking vehicles, depending upon the agency's presence at the scene:
   A - Fire Service
   B - EMS/Ambulance crew (if patient care permits)
   C - Law Enforcement

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