

VCFD Crash/Rescue



The crash/rescue truck is a specialized unit designed to fight large flammable liquid fires, in particular aircraft fires. It can also be utilized on gasoline fires in refinery or storage settings, or a tanker truck on the highway.

Because aircraft incidents often occur in remote areas without water supplies, the crash/rescue is a self-contained unit designed to make a fast attack. The unit carries 1,500 gallons of water and has a 1,250 GPM (gallons per minute) pump. Two hundred gallons of foam concentrate is carried on-board and can be mixed with the water for extinguishing flammable liquid fires.

It has all-wheel drive for off-road access. Firefighters can start fighting the fire from inside the cab, using external nozzles, while driving around the aircraft. Hose lines can also be extended from the truck to attack the fire from multiple directions. Specialized tools and equipment for accessing aircraft, securing hazards and performing rescues are carried in the truck's compartments.

Staffing: The three-person crew staffing the engine at Station 50 will staff the crash/rescue truck when needed.

Radio designation:

Crash + station number.
i.e.: Crash 50.

