



## National Fire Fighter Near-Miss Reporting System Featured Report: January 2010

**Report Number:** 09-0001133

**Report Date:** 12/23/2009 00:45

### **Synopsis**

Responding engine narrowly averts responding PD unit.

### **Demographics**

**Department type:** Paid Municipal

**Job or rank:** Captain

**Department shift:** Other

**Age:** 25 - 33

**Years of fire service experience:** 11 - 13

**Region:** FEMA Region IV

**Service Area:**

### **Event Information**

**Event type:** Vehicle event: responding to, returning from, routine driving, etc

**Event date and time:** 12/24/1990 22:30

**Hours into the shift:**

**Event participation:** Involved in the event

**Weather at time of event:** Not reported

**Do you think this will happen again?**

**What were the contributing factors?**

- Decision Making

**What do you believe is the loss potential?**

- Property damage
- Life threatening injury

### **Event Description**

We were dispatched to an EMS call for a subject that was shot. I was driving the responding engine, with lights and siren, when a responding police officer (to the same call) ran a stop sign. I locked down the brakes and slid the engine sideways just barely missing the police car. Had we hit the police car, it would have killed the police officer and all firefighters on-board. There is no doubt; we would have flipped over the engine.

### **Lessons Learned**

Be very aware of law enforcement response to shooting events. They are keyed into getting on the scene and encountering the shooter. Sometimes they will lose situational awareness. This will happen again.