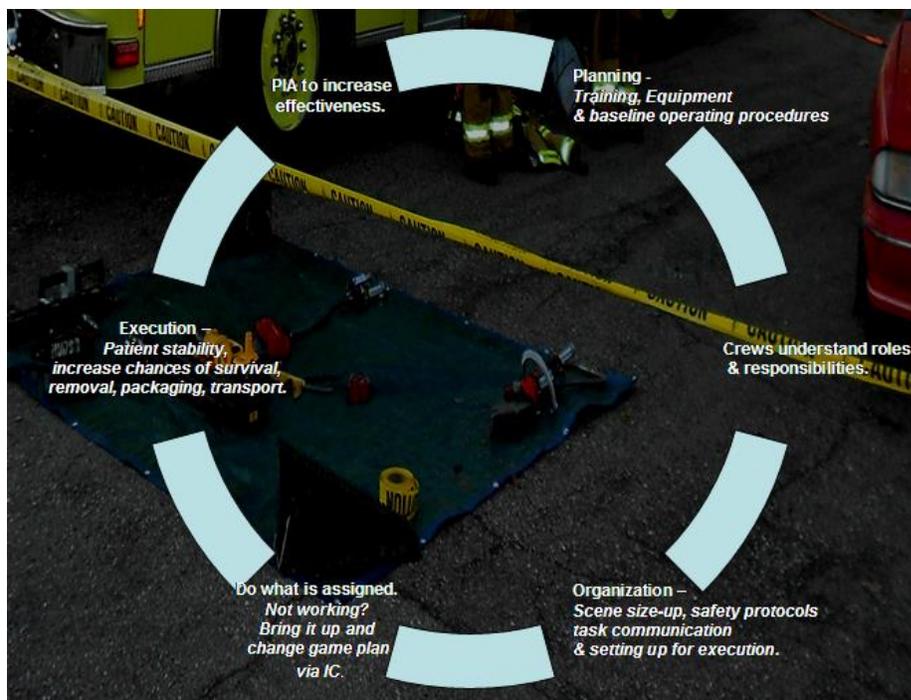


Evolution of Extrication By Christopher Huston

Auto Extrications are high stress events because they involve a patient every time. Having hard and fast rules or “wait till we get there” modes of operation will set you up for failure. A solid baseline that starts with planning, training, communication, execution then evaluation, provides the framework for successful outcomes. The evolution never ceases, it is re-evaluated constantly. The following is a template for the *Evolution of Extrication* that you may encounter during your next run.



Planning – Phase 1 includes proper training and equipment along with setting and writing department standards, procedures and policy to Auto Extrications.

Understanding – The second phase ensures all personnel have received the training and understand their roles and responsibilities to these types of events.

Organization – This phase is two-fold. First act is to set up response apparatus so they are conducive to handling the required responses. Secondly it is the organizational phase of on scene operations. Duties include scene size-up, requesting additional resources and command/control.

Accountability – “Do you what you were assigned and if does not work or cannot be done, inform command to change the game plan.” Simply put we must all understand and be working towards the same goal.

Execution – Perform the task, accomplish the goal and transfer care to the appropriate facility. The final stage of execution will be to return the roadways and our equipment back to service.

Post Incident Analysis – Every incident shall have a Post Incident Analysis. This session is not punishment; it is to benefit the organization. Discuss who did what, why they did it, what they saw, and what we can do better for next time. Identify any gaps that training can fill. Keep it brief, keep it informal but take notes to recall from later.