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Our thanks to Fire Captain Fons de Graauw from Holland for an **OUTSTANDING** video showing the REALITY of what can happen when struts explode at vehicle fires. There is significant recent history of Firefighters being seriously injured by exploding, airborne struts-wait until you see this clip.

Full PPE and a flowing hose line with a distant and angled approach is the safest way to operate-or-better yet-isn't it time apparatus simply "hit it" from perhaps a simple, "control in the cab" 500 gpm roof turret?

We're just say'n.

The video is on our HOME page: [www.FireFighterCloseCalls.com](http://www.FireFighterCloseCalls.com) or go to the below link:

<http://firefighterclosecalls.com/fullstory.php?106456>

### **RUNAWAY FIRE APPARATUS IN MARYLAND**

An engine company rolled 60 feet and crashed into a tree during a demo Saturday in Pasadena, injuring one Firefighter who attempted to stop the truck. The Lake Shore Volunteer Fire Company (Anne Arundel County) was showing eight children firefighting equipment when the truck's emergency brake released, causing the truck to roll-the children were inside the fire truck at the time but were uninjured. The injured firefighter was taken to Baltimore Washington Medical Center and has NLT injuries.

We have some additional info and video on our home page.

### **NEW YORK RESPONDING EMS CRASH RESULTS IN CIVILIAN FATALITY**

A crash between a Fort Drum ambulance and a pickup truck yesterday claimed the life of a woman. The ambulance was attempting to meet with another ambulance for an ALS intercept when it crashed with a pickup truck. The driver of the truck was airlifted to a hospital with NLT injuries but an elderly woman, who was a passenger in the truck died from her injuries, deputies said. The EMS crew suffered minor injuries, deputies said. There are no other facts yet on exactly what happened.

### **FIREFIGHTER MAYDAY-QUICK RESCUE IN CINCINNATI**

Cincinnati FD companies responded to what turned out to be a working fire in a vacant two-story duplex this morning. During operations, a Firefighter fell through the floor and was injured-but was quickly found and rescued by Firefighters. The injured firefighter was removed and transported to the hospital for NLT injuries.  
Take Care-BE CAREFUL.

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