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MEDIA RELEASE

The St. George Fire Department and East Baton Rouge Parish Emergency Medical Services in conjunction with the East Baton Rouge Parish School System conducted live demonstrations of an automobile extrication as would be performed to rescue victims of entrapment in an automobile accident.

The demonstrations took place on the campus of Woodlawn High School, located at 15755 Jefferson Hwy. Two demonstrations were held in the morning and two in the early afternoon.



Each of the demonstrations was attended by approximately 300 students.

They witnessed a heavy extraction procedure in which all four car doors and the roof were completely removed to allow access to the interior of the vehicle and the three student volunteer patients in each vehicle.

Very experienced crews from St. George Fire and EBRP-EMS conducted the demonstrations adhering to strict safety protocols with a St. George firefighter

actually in the car with the students. The actual cutting and dismantling of the vehicles took place at roughly half speed.

The demonstrations gave the students a rare look at some of the things that occur on an accident scene in order to safely stabilize, extricate, and transport motor vehicle accident victims from the point of the accident to a hospital emergency room. The students were able to witness the high level of cooperation and coordination between emergency responders. As a portion of the car was being cut away, efforts were already underway to stabilize the patients' condition, and as access was provided, victims could be removed to an awaiting ambulance.

The demonstrations provided a look at the most extreme measures sometimes required. Every automobile accident is unique and requires a different response from professionals trained and equipped to assess patient condition, take the steps required to safely remove the patient from the vehicle without further injury, and provide the level of life support needed during and after the extrication process.