



General Order

Department of Fire & EMS

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Subject: After Action Review (BCoFD-Advanced Auto Parts)

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On the evening of July 18, 2023, multiple units from the Carroll County DFEMS responded to the Advanced Auto Parts Store in Reisterstown. A “Mayday” was declared on this incident by a lieutenant on BCoFD (T-18) and fortunately they were located and removed rapidly and without injuries. This could have easily progressed to a catastrophic LODD, but it did not due to previous training and experience. There are multiple lessons learned from this incident and as a former 30+ year officer of that department I can relate that there were certainly some “cultural” issues and practices that were predictable on this incident. These are not unlike those of CCDFEMS.

Carroll County is a frequent mutual aid partner with the BCOFD and many of our members are also employees or volunteers in that system. We are certainly vulnerable to many of the issues identified in the comprehensive After-Action Review that has now been made public. As many of you were directly involved in this incident it is prudent that we all read, review, and discuss the AAR/report. Attached is a link to the AAR and I am requiring all personnel to review this important analysis and have an active discussion as a company level drill. The lessons that can be taken away from this effort are critical to both our situational awareness as well as our understanding of why we need to adopt a greater “Culture of Safety” and enhance our “risk analysis” on all incidents to which we respond. In closing, I thank Chief Joanne Rund and the BCoFD for sharing this review with us and hopefully we can all move forward as a result.

The link is as follows: <https://youtu.be/J5MHj61Gxzo>