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ADAMS COUNTY FIRE RESCUE TIP OF THE WEEK

ACFR reminds the public what to do if your vehicle catches on fire

DENVER, Colo. – Every year, Adams County Fire Rescue responds to dozens of car fires. In the event your vehicle catches on fire, please follow these safety tips. They may help save your life.

- Stay calm. If you're in a moving vehicle, the last thing you want to do is lose control and cause an accident. Instead, put on your hazards lights and commence to safely pull over to the right. If the other vehicles didn't see your vehicle on fire, this will help alert them.
- Once you've pulled over and come to a complete stop, turn off the vehicle and remove the keys from the ignition.
- Use caution when exiting the vehicle. Do not jump into moving traffic.
- Be at least 100 feet from the vehicle. This is the minimum distance to be out of the danger zone. Remember, car fires are some of the most toxic fires. Stand at an angle from the vehicle. Do not stand directly in front or to the rear of the vehicle.
- After you've cleared the vehicle, call 9-1-1. Calmly and clearly describe your location using cross streets or mile markers. Also report any injuries.
- If the car is inside a garage, make sure everyone inside the house or business gets out.
- Once you're out, stay out! Under no circumstances re-enter the vehicle or try to put the fire out yourself. Only firefighters have the skills and equipment necessary to perform this task.

For a list of these and other safety tips, visit www.acfpd.org/safety-tips.

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