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ABX Air Ground Fire

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Survival Factors



Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting

- Ground controller issued Alert 3
- Twenty-two ARFF personnel responded
- Rescue 49 first vehicle on scene
 - Firefighter conducted interior search
 - Unable to open L1 and R1 doors
 - Initial problem with skin-penetrating nozzle operation

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- Fire contained within 25 minutes; extinguished 18 minutes later
- Training on skin-penetrating nozzle
 - Familiarization 14 years before event
 - Practiced on cars and vans
 - Previous investigations determined problems with positioning nozzle

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