

# Rapid Lesson Sharing

**Event Type:** Cracked Windshield

**Date:** July 5, 2016

**Location:** 101 Freeway, Los Angeles,  
California



## Driving Hazard

While this cracked windshield is not from the incident discussed in this RLS, it serves as a reminder of the potential hazards that can confront us out on the roadways.

## NARRATIVE

I was driving southbound on the 101 Freeway enroute back to the Forest from a cover assignment when a rock hit the front windshield of my Fire Engine. I believe it came from a tractor trailer which was right in front of my Engine. The damage did not obstruct my vision. I proceeded to drive.

## LESSONS

- ✓ The lesson here is to *always be prepared* for any hazardous situation that may threaten the *safety* of your crew or apparatus.
- ✓ In other words, *expect the unexpected*—always be alert to your ever-changing environment—while you are driving and your crew is depending on you as the driver to get them home safely.
- ✓ It is a challenge to drive an Engine on Los Angeles-area freeways due to the multiple ongoing construction repairs being made and the stop-and-go traffic.
- ✓ Other drivers in a hurry to get to their own destinations add to the problem.
- ✓ I have mentioned just a few of the *hazards* that you might encounter while driving on any freeway anywhere. We all know that there are many more potential hazards out there on the roads.
- ✓ Please be careful and have a safe fire season.

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