



VEHICLE RAMMING AT STATIONS

According to the April 23, 2026, FDNY Watchline, on April 21, a 26-year-old man [drove an SUV into the lobby of a Northeast Philadelphia Police Station](#). The incident stemmed from a domestic dispute between the driver and his father. The Philadelphia Police Commissioner confirmed that the act was intentional. The driver exited the vehicle and was taken into custody at the scene. The bomb squad cleared the vehicle as a precaution, and the FBI and Terrorism Task Force were notified. The station remained operational despite the damage.

FDNY offers the following assessment of vehicle ramming at fire or EMS stations:

- Attacks may deliberately target members of service, meaning firehouses and EMS stations face similar risk. Areas open to civilians, such as public waiting spaces, may have the lowest security and thus be the focus of an attack.
- Responders need to maintain situational awareness even in their own quarters.
- Remember that vehicles can be easily weaponized, with little warning. Any vehicle used in a deliberate ramming attack must be treated as a potential improvised explosive device (IED).
- Responding units should assume the suspect may be emotionally disturbed, still armed, and intent on causing further harm.
- Fuel leaks create an immediate fire risk, and the impact may compromise structural integrity, making a thorough size-up essential.

Fire and EMS leaders should review these FDNY guidelines and discuss them with crews.