

RollTek Deployment Case Study East Coast December 2008

In December 2008, firefighters in an east coast department were responding to a reported apartment fire when their fire engine crashed and overturned. The engine was equipped with **RollTek®**, an advanced safety system that department officials say provided protection for four firefighters involved in the accident.



A department leader responsible for specifying apparatus with RollTek, explains his view on the role of the technology in the incident. "Based on the outcome and the testimony of firefighters, RollTek was invaluable in this case," he said. "The apparatus was laid over on its side, and everyone stayed in their seats. Though it could have been very serious, no one was injured. That's exactly why we wanted to put side roll protection on the apparatus. We will continue to do so."

Matt Byam, Director of Engineering Services at IMMI, investigated the RollTek deployment.

"Four firefighters were riding in the apparatus when it rolled over. The driver's suspension seat pulled down, all of the seat belt pretensioners deployed to hold firefighters securely in their seats, and the side airbags installed in the truck inflated to cushion their heads and necks," he explained. "Most critical was that the firefighters were all wearing their seat belts, which enabled RollTek to do its job."

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