

FIREFIGHTER CAUTION: WATCH OUT FOR FLYING PROJECTILES AT CAR FIRES!

A Pennsylvania Firefighter was **IMPALED** by a heated and exploding HOOD STRUT while operating at a car fire. In this most recent "hood strut projectile" event, which happened in Swatara Township (PA), Firefighters from the Friendship Fire Company of Bressler last week arrived at a "routine" engine compartment fire which quickly changed from being routine.. A line was stretched and crews worked to open the hood...



while operating, a hood shock exploded and impaled a FF in the right knee. EMS treated and transported him to an area trauma center where he was treated and spent the night. He luckily escaped without major injuries from the incident and is expected to make a full recovery.



Firefighters knee which was impaled by a flying strut.

On January 27, 2008, Hillcrest Fire sent us photos of a car fire where struts which popped sending projectiles out where they embedded in a garage door and a lawn mower. In this incident fortunately no one was injured.



Photo from Hillcrest Fire