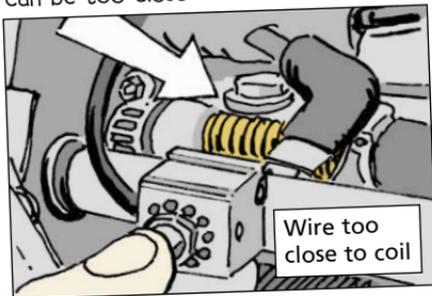


STOP EXPOSURE TO HEAT

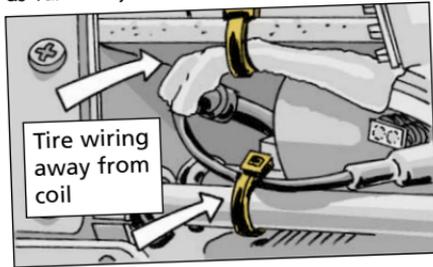
Dear Editor,

During a routine training mission, one of our 2 1/2-ton FMTVs caught fire behind the instrument panel. Investigation and troubleshooting determined that the fire started at the heater fan switch.

There are exposed coils on the rear of the switch, and they get very hot during use. Anything close enough to the coils is likely to burn. And there are many wires behind the panel that can be too close.



So we tied up the wires to get them as far away from the switch as possible.



A simple inspection of the area behind the instrument panel near the switch could save you a truck-and some lives.

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