



MONTGOMERY COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD.

FLEET MANAGEMENT BULLETIN

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Limitations of individual stations to house particular apparatus

Background: MCFRS has almost 40 stations which have been built and modified at various times over the last 70 years in response to varying design standards. MCFRS has suffered a number of property damage and personal injury incidents due to operators trying to park apparatus in stations and/or bays that were not capable of housing said apparatus. MCFRS has recently learned that some stations have floors that are not capable of bearing the weight of certain apparatus.

Current State: All apparatus in the fleet have a label near the driver that denotes height, width, length, and GVWR. All doors and bays in all stations have been labelled with the height, length and width of the usable space within the doorway and bay. This information has also been published online on Quicklinks, under the Facilities/Division of Support Services tab, or [at this link](#).

The following stations have weight limitations:

- FS12 – no apparatus heavier than the 2018 Pierce engines may be parked in the top floor bays.
- FS16 – no tandem axle vehicles may be parked in the top floor bays. TDAs are the only aerials allowed to be parked in the top floor bays.
- FS40 – no apparatus heavier than engine companies may be parked in the top floor bays.

Action Needed:

1. When transferring to another station, or placing in service a piece of reserve apparatus, the officer and operator must verify, via means of the vehicle and station labels, that the vehicle will fit in the intended bay of use.
2. When transferring to FS12, 16, & 40, or placing in service a piece of reserve apparatus, the officer and operator must verify that the vehicle meets the weight limitations of the intended bay of use.

End State: The Division of Operations and the Division of Support Services Facilities and Fleet Sections will cooperate to keep this information current.

If you have any questions, please contact the Operations Chief via your chain of command.