

Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service Information Bulletin From the Support Services Division

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TO: All MCFRS Personnel

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SUBJECT: Implementation of New Structural Firefighting Gloves

The Department has begun the process to replace our current glove, the Lion Defender, with the Fire-Dex, Dex-Pro 3D glove. This glove was chosen after the culmination of field testing and evaluation coordinated by the Safety Office and the Joint Health and Safety Committee. The Dex-Pro glove is a 3D glove that incorporates innovative design features together with specific materials to form a glove that delivers maximum dexterity, durability, and protection.

The Fire-Dex glove will be distributed at the MCFRS Property & Supply Section utilizing the following procedure. Personnel will become eligible for one set of gloves after (1) reporting for their annual physical at FROMS, (2) obtaining a voucher for the new gloves at FROMS, (3) reporting to the Property & Supply Section, and (4) returning one pair of gloves issued previously. Personnel must bring the voucher to the Property & Supply Section in order to receive new gloves.

The current structural firefighting glove, the LION Defender, will remain an acceptable and safe choice for use and will continue to be issued in certain circumstances.

For more information, an overview, and the features of the Fire-Dex glove, please visit: http://www.firedex.com/product/DexPro_Glove

For more information on fit and sizing of the Fire-Dex Glove visit the Manufacturer and Cleaning Guides section on the MCFRS Property and Supply Section website: <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/frs-ql/logistics/>

For more information on glove evaluation, proper use and field testing, please visit the Safety Section website. http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/frs-ql/Resources/Files/safetychief/docs/policy/Fire_Dex_Glove_Construction_and_Use.pdf

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