

# Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service Information Bulletin From the Logistics Section

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**TO:** All MCFRS Personnel  
**FROM:** Assistant Chief Pete Friedman  
**SUBJECT:** Reserve Apparatus

Historically, our fleet of reserve apparatus has been equipped with inventories that varied from unit to unit and those inventories have frequently been altered when equipment was needed to keep front-line units in service.

Switching into apparatus that has a partial inventory makes it very difficult to maintain control of the equipment assigned to front-line apparatus. This difficulty is compounded when a unit is switched from one partially equipped reserve to another.

To address those challenges, CMF is reducing the inventory of equipment assigned to reserve engines and aerials. As the equipment on reserve apparatus is reduced, the inventory check-out sheets will be updated and added to the Fleet Operations Quicklinks page.

- **If equipment is missing from reserve apparatus, please submit a Small Tools defect report.** Please be specific and describe the unit and the equipment. (example: "RE39 running as E737 is missing the 10' folding attic ladder")
- **If hose is missing from a reserve engine, work with Small Tools to obtain replacement hose rather than pulling hose from another unit.** Do not pass the problem onto the next crew.

Examples of inventories for reserve apparatus are shown below but see the checkout book or the Fleet Operations Quicklinks page for specific inventory forms.

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<b>Crimson Engines</b>	
All hose except high-rise bundles ( <b>but no nozzles</b> )	24', 14', and attic ladders
Hard sleeves and low-level strainer	Cab tilt control and manual pump handle
Crimson Engines (continued)	
Wheel chocks	Hose adapters on both pump panels
Check-out book	EZpass
Class A foam refill pickup tube	DOT flares, triangles, extinguisher
<b>Aerial Towers</b>	
All ground ladders	Master stream nozzles
Ground pads	Wheel chocks
110v Mounted lights and reels	Check-out book
Cab-tilt control and manual pump handle	DOT flares, triangles, extinguisher
<b>Tractor Drawn Aerials</b>	
All ground ladders	Master stream nozzles
Ground pads	Wheel chocks
110v Mounted lights and reels	Hydraulic tool reels
Cribbing	"Life pulley" under aerial
Cab-tilt control	Check-out book
DOT flares, triangles, extinguisher	

The equipment on reserve tankers and rescue squads is still being considered and not addressed by this bulletin.

Because not all engine and aerial inventories will fit on all reserve apparatus, when an engine or aerial is going to CMF with the expectation of switching into a reserve, best practice is to:

- Strip most equipment from the front-line unit and leave it at the station.
- Consider keeping PPE, SCBA, nozzles, an extinguisher, and EMS equipment on the unit for the drive to and from CMF.
- Upon return to the station, load the equipment and create a detailed switchover list.

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When staffing at CMF allows, Light Duty personnel can deliver a unit to the station for switchover

For further questions or clarification, contact the Logistics Chief.

