

Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service

FIRE CHIEF'S GENERAL ORDER

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TO: All MCFRS Personnel

FROM: Richard Bowers, Fire Chief



SUBJECT: Paramedic Engine Companies

On November 1, 2011, the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service will begin using "**Paramedic Engine**" as the unit type designation for engine companies staffed at the Advanced Life Support (ALS) level with at least one ALS Provider and an approved ALS equipment inventory. ALS students and interns do not count towards the minimum ALS staffing on any unit.

This change is being made to guarantee that correct resources are recommended and dispatched, while increasing situational awareness for company officers and command staff. For CAD, Firehouse, ePCR and other records management systems, the unit type designation will be **PE7xx** (where xx = station number). MCFRS personnel will verbalize these units on the radio as "**Paramedic Engine 7xx**." When the Paramedic Engine is no longer staffed with an ALS provider or approved ALS equipment, the OIC of the unit must notify ECC and then revert back to the "Engine 7xx" unit type designation.

Only the MCFRS Fire Chief may authorize the use of the "Paramedic" unit type designation on apparatus.

If you have questions, please contact the EMS Section Chief through the chain of command.