

# Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service

## FIRE CHIEF'S GENERAL ORDER

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**TO:** All MCFRS Personnel

**FROM:** Fire Chief Steven E. Lohr

**SUBJECT:** EMS Task Force



MCFRS has long used the concept of an EMS Task Force to plan for multiple patient events. However, the definition of the EMS Task Force is being updated to more closely align with our regional mutual aid partners, and our present and future EMS deployment model.

Therefore, ***effective immediately***, the configuration of an EMS Task Force will include:

- Five transport units;
- Two Paramedic Engines;
- One additional ALS resource (if one is not included in staffing the transport units);
- One EMS Duty Officer (if one is not already on the call); and
- One Command Officer (if one is not already on the call).

The EMS Task Force will be dispatched automatically on certain call types that indicate a strong possibility of multiple patients. The Task Force may also be added at the discretion of the dispatcher (similar to the RID), or at the request of the on-scene Incident Commander.

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