



Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service **FIRE CHIEF'S GENERAL ORDER**

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TO: All MCFRS Personnel

FROM: Fire Chief Thomas W. Carr, Jr.

SUBJECT: Improperly Loaded and Secured Hose Loads on MCFRS Engines

A number of incidents have occurred where engines have unexpectedly lost their LDH supply hose or an attack line, in which significant property damage has resulted. To minimize additional incidences, I am ordering all MCFRS personnel to do the following:

1. Limit the total amount of supply hose loaded in any supply bed to the amount the unit is capable of safely handling.
2. Pack all supply lines so that the *couplings are in the front of the hose bed*, to further minimize the risk that wind will lift the hose and cause an unintended "lay out."
3. All MCFRS engines must have *at least 800 feet* of LDH supply line packed in the hose bed. The 1990-92 Seagraves engines with short beds must be limited to 800 feet of LDH supply line.
3. Pack the last row of supply line in an accordion hose load. Air will pass through this type of load *without* lifting the hose up and out of the bed. The accordion hose pack must fit snugly into the engine's hose bed.
4. Pack all attack lines - cross-lays and rear - so that the nozzle and hose do not over-stress the cargo netting, or other means used to secure the hose and nozzle in place.
5. Adjust hose dividers to create a tight, but non-restrictive fit, for the type and style of hose used.

Please direct questions to Assistant Chief Pouget-Rankin at 240-777-2250, or Assistant Chief Steve Lohr at 240-777-2251.

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