



DIVISION OF FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD.

DIRECTIVE

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TO: All Division of Fire and Rescue Services Personnel

FROM: Chief Roger W. Strock

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roger W. Strock".

SUBJECT: Modification to Policy and Procedure #516 "Uniforms"

To ensure the safety of all personnel, I am modifying Policy and Procedure #516, as follows:

Section 8.19

Personal jewelry items may be worn with the uniform. However, due to the hazardous nature of fire and rescue work, personnel shall restrict such jewelry to wedding bands, a wrist watch, Medic Alert bracelets, earrings and necklaces. At no time shall individuals wear nose hoops, eyebrow studs/hoops or any type of jewelry that would interfere with the wearing or use of Self Contained Breathing Apparatus, or be available for a patient to grab and control a Firefighter/Rescuer.

- a. Earrings- must be small post type that do not extend beyond the ear lobe. Hoop, or other dangling earrings are not permitted while in uniform. Individuals will not wear more than 2 earrings per ear.
- b. Necklaces- must be concealed under the T-shirt or work shirt at all times.

It is recommended that personnel not wear tongue studs as they present a potential choking hazard should it come undone.