



DIVISION OF FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

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TO: All Personnel

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SUBJECT: Security Procedures for Threat Level Orange and Threat Level Red

With the war underway, we must take precautions that ensure we do not become unwitting targets or facilitate terrorist activity. The Washington, D.C. metropolitan area is full of potential terrorist targets and the FBI and other intelligence agencies have provided information that the fire and rescue service is specifically identified by terrorist groups as a means of accessing these targets. With this in mind, whenever the Department of Homeland Security raises the threat level to Orange or Red, the following security measures will be taken:

- Apparatus bay doors will remain closed at all times, except when personnel are performing apparatus check outs and vehicles are running. When leaving the station for routine matters or for emergency responses, the unit officer will manually close the apparatus bay door before getting on. Do not use timers.
- Apparatus will not be left unattended any time it is outside of the station, except for single unit EMS responses. Do not leave compartment or cab doors open at any time. Equipment and radios will remain secured at all times. Portable radios will not be left unattended.
- Stations are to remain secured at all times. All doors will be locked. From 0700 to 2100 hours, a watch will be posted to ensure station security. The station officer will check station security prior to going to bed in the evening.

Questions concerning this procedure should be directed to Deputy Chief Robert Allwang, 240-777-2471.