Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service

Fire Chief's General Order

NUMBER: 13-08

December 3, 2013

TO:

All MCFRS Personnel

FROM:

Fire Chief Steven E. Lohr

SUBJECT:

MCFRS Special Events, Planning, and Personnel Performing at

Private EMS Functions

This document rescinds Fire Chief's General Order No. 09-13, Special Events Assessment and Planning, dated July 7th 2009.

Planning and Assessment

MCFRS resources frequently participate in special events involving the community at the request of event organizers. A "special event" may be, but is not limited to, a parade, walk, run, bike ride, procession (excluding funeral processions), sports activity, religious event or festival activities requiring interagency coordination for the temporary use of public or private space that may require changing, restricting, or adapting the normal level of MCFRS operational field delivery.

Direct all requests for MCFRS personnel or units for a special event to the Special Operations Section. MCFRS personnel must email pertinent information to MCFRSSpecialEvents@montgomerycountymd.gov or go to www.montgomerycountymd.gov/firtmpl.asp?url=/content/firerescue/specialty.asp

After written inquiries are reviewed and assessed, the resource allocation and unit selection will be determined in coordination with the appropriate LFRD Chief(s) and the MCFRS Duty Chief. The event will then be considered sanctioned and placed on the apparatus movement calendar.

Private EMS Functions/Not-sanctioned by MCFRS

The scope of practice and affiliation for MCFRS EMS providers is limited to MCFRS response activities and events.

Fire Chief's General Order No. 13-08 Page 2

Personnel at non-sanctioned events are:

- Operating outside the umbrella of the MCFRS EMS Operational Program
- · Are not covered by the MCFRS Medical Director and;
- · Are not covered by MCFRS insurance programs.

MCFRS personnel functioning at non-sanctioned events must:

- Obtain equipment, insurance and medical direction from the event organizers (employing entity).
- Not utilize MCFRS uniforms, titles, or equipment

For questions or further clarification contact the Special Operations Chief or Battalion Chief.

