

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: Station, Apparatus, and Equipment Security

Some jurisdictions have experienced the theft of fire/rescue equipment and apparatus, which later have been used for illegal activity. We all know that MCFRS apparatus and stations contain sensitive equipment and information that are critical to the safety and security of our community. ***MCFRS personnel are responsible for ensuring the security of our stations, apparatus, and equipment.***

- The unit officer is responsible for maintaining the security of the unit and its equipment.
- While on emergency incidents, reasonable effort must be made to leave a crew member with the apparatus and equipment.
- While conducting routine business, (inspections, shopping, etc.), apparatus and equipment should ***never be left unattended. One crew member must remain with the apparatus at all times.*** While parked at most stations and MCFRS facilities, apparatus and equipment may be left unattended ***only*** if within sight of MCFRS personnel.
- ***Stations must remain secured at all times and ready for response.*** When leaving the station, crews ***must ensure*** that bay doors *have* closed, or *will* close automatically.
- Apparatus bay doors must remain closed ***unless*** fire rescue personnel are actively engaged in activities in the apparatus bays, or have direct visual observation.
- All suspicious activity and/or loss/theft must be reported ***immediately*** to the station officer.

For questions or clarification, contact the Division of Operations Chief.