

Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service

FIRE CHIEF'S GENERAL ORDER

NUMBER: 15-02

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TO: All MCFRS Personnel

FROM: Acting Fire Chief Scott E. Goldstein



SUBJECT: Helmets

This FCGO *rescinds* Fire Chief's General Order 10-01, dated April 14, 2010. Personnel are permitted to wear *only* the helmets indicated in the tables below.

IECS Rank	Color	NFPA Standard
EMS Provider	Blue	1971 or 1999
F/F Candidate (non-IDLH qualified)	Red	1971
Fire Fighter I, II, III, and Master	Yellow	1971
Lieutenant and above- Fire	White	1971
Lieutenant and above- EMS Provider	White, w/Star of Life on both sides	1971

Training Academy Personnel	Color	NFPA Standard
MICRB Level II Instructor approved by Training Officer (for use during PSTA activities <i>only</i>)	Orange	1971
Training Academy-assigned Safety Officer, approved by Training Officer (for use during PSTA activities <i>only</i>)	Lime Green	1971

- All helmets *must* meet the requirements of the applicable NFPA Standard, current at the time of purchase, as indicated above.
- Personnel are *prohibited* from wearing a helmet that is *not* NFPA compliant.
- Personnel are *prohibited* from wearing a helmet that is not associated with their IECS rank or assignment, as indicated above.

Alternative helmets for non-fire fighting operations are approved as indicated below.

Activity	Standard
Technical Rescue	NFPA 1951
Investigations	ANSI Z89.1-2003 Type I, or II Class G
Code Enforcement	OSHA 1910.135, and ANSI Z89.1-2003
Non-IDLH training at the PSTA	Full-brim wild land-style helmet, NFPA 1977 (Orange for MICRB level II Instructor; Lime Green for Safety Officer)