

Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service FIRE CHIEF'S GENERAL ORDER

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TO: All MCFRS Personnel

FROM: Fire Chief Scott E. Goldstein 

SUBJECT: Multi-Patient Dispatch Assignments

This FCGO rescinds and replaces FCGO 14-08, *EMS Task Force*

MCFRS uses the concept of a "Multi-Patient Dispatch" to assist in the management of incidents with multiple patients. This dispatch is being renamed from "*EMS Task Force*" to "*Multi-Patient Dispatch*" to avoid conflict with NIMS definitions. The implementation of the Motorola P1 CAD requires the modification of procedures for Multi-Patient Dispatches to "capabilities-based" assignments. When combined with a box alarm or collision assignment, the goal of this dispatch is to provide enough treatment and transport resources for five to eight additional patients.

Effective December 12th, 2017, the Multi-Patient Dispatch will include the following capabilities:

- Five transport units,
- Three ALS resources,
- Two manpower units,
- One EMS Duty Officer, and
- Command Officer Notifications

The Emergency Communications Center (ECC) will assemble the Multi-Patient Dispatch by combining or splitting resources on dispatched units. Examples are:

- Three medic units would meet the requirements for the three of the five transport units and the three ALS resources.
- One Paramedic Engine and one Paramedic Tower would meet the requirements for two of the three ALS resources and the two manpower pieces.

The Multi-Patient Dispatch will be dispatched upon the request of the IC or at the discretion of the ECC Supervisor prior to the establishment of Command for when there is a likelihood of multiple patients. The Multi-Patient Dispatch is to remote stage until directed into the scene by IC. The normal functions of Multi-Patient Dispatch personnel will be to treat, package, and transport patients.

Questions may be directed to the ECC Section Chief