

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

**FCGO: 19-05**

**August 15, 2019**

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**TO: All MCFRS Personnel**  
**FROM: Fire Chief Scott E. Goldstein**   
**SUBJECT: Annual 2019 MDA 'Fill-the-Boot' Campaign - August 2019**

The annual "MDA Fill-the-Boot" Campaign will occur on August 28<sup>th</sup> (C Shift), August 29<sup>th</sup> (A Shift), & August 30<sup>th</sup> (B Shift). This activity is approved from 0800 to 2000 hours on each of these days.

Units may not be available during all periods of time due to call load. Personnel should concentrate on the morning, mid-day, and afternoon rush hour periods. During off-time, personnel may assist in sorting collected monies, meal breaks, and performing normal station maintenance.

Stations may conduct "Fill-the-Boot" activities at an intersection independently, but are encouraged to partner up with another station at high volume intersections that border adjoining stations or response areas. Station Officers must forward the intersection locations, rotation schedules, and proposed times of activity to their Battalion Chief or Duty Officer by 2000 hours of the preceding shift.

All career and volunteer personnel – on duty or off-duty personnel must comply with the following:

- Apparatus must be positioned safely to avoid impeding traffic, and must be proximally situated to facilitate quick response to emergency incidents;
- Participating personnel **MUST** wear traffic vests
- Participating personnel **MUST** only enter the roadway during stopped traffic. All personnel **MUST** be on curbs/sidewalks/shoulders when traffic is moving.
- Participating personnel must wear a Class "C" uniform.
- Participating on duty personnel **MUST** carry a portable radio;

2019 marks the 35th anniversary that Montgomery County Career Fire Fighters Association, Local 1664, and the MDA have partnered to find treatments and a cure for neuromuscular diseases. Over the past 34 years, our firefighters have raised over \$2.5 million for MDA. Montgomery County is home to about 500 children and adults affected with these diseases. Please help make our 35th campaign our best year ever!

This FCGO expires on September 2, 2019.