

# 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: OSHA Hazard Communication  
and Global Harmonized System Training

OSHA has finalized changes to the Hazard Communication Standard, bringing the United States into alignment with the Globally Harmonized System (GHS) of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals. Major changes to the Hazard Communication Standard include hazard classification, labels, safety data sheets (SDS), and information and training. The regulation **requires** all MCFRS employees to complete training on the new label elements and SDS format.

**All MCFRS personnel** (career, volunteer, and civilian) **must** complete the on-line training program and successfully pass the GHS quiz **by December 1, 2013**.

Access the on-line at [www.mcfrsit.com/trackingGHS](http://www.mcfrsit.com/trackingGHS). Log on using the same Tech Training Website username and password you use for leave, Kelly Day picks, and other technical training initiatives. If you have forgotten your logon, click the **Forgot Logon** link on the site, key in your Fire ID where requested, and the system will email your login to you. After successfully completing the test at the end of the course, click the **Record My Score** button, and wait for on-screen confirmation that you have been checked-off to receive course credit.

**NOTE:** If other personnel in your station are waiting to take the course, **you must log off the computer when you finish to enable the next person to log back on!** If you do not log off, the next person's check-off at the end of the test may not be recorded.

Personnel must complete the training while on-duty, and station officers must provide time during the regular activity periods to accomplish this assignment. The on-line website tracks each participant's completion.

Personnel who do **not** complete the training by December 1, 2013, may be subject to disciplinary action.

Please direct any questions regarding this FCGO to the Safety Section Chief at (240) 777-2219.