


Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service

FIRE CHIEF'S GENERAL ORDER

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TO: All MCFRS Personnel
FROM: Fire Chief Thomas W. Carr, Jr. 
SUBJECT: Urban Area Security Initiative – UASI PPE

The Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service has distributed the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). This equipment includes a coat and trouser (Globe G-Xtreme design), leather pro-boots, helmet and helmet decals, suspenders, protective hood, eye protection, and PPE bag. ***Issuance of the second set of UASI PPE does not in any way replace the normal assignment, procurement, or distribution of MCFRS and LFRD personal protective equipment.***

The information below addresses major issues regarding the UASI PPE.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR MAINTENANCE AND CARE OF UASI PPE

The MCFRS personnel to whom the UASI PPE have been issued, and their Division Chiefs, are responsible for routine and annual care, maintenance, repair, and cleaning of the UASI PPE, to ensure compliance with the annual PPE maintenance program. MCFRS Station Commanders and LFRD Chiefs must maintain accurate cleaning and repair records, using the *MCFRS Cleaning and Repair Tracking Form* (Attachment A) for issued UASI PPE gear. The PPE must always be properly maintained and kept readily available to be placed in service. The UASI PPE must also be made available for the annual County and Federal safety inspections associated with the UASI PPE grant program.

The UASI Globe G-Xtreme PPE must be used as a single ensemble unit (coat and trouser) at all times. Personnel are ordered not to store or mix the UASI Globe PPE with any other issued PPE coat or trouser.

STORAGE OF UASI PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

The issued UASI PPE must be properly marked, and stowed in the MCFRS-issued gear bag. The UASI PPE may be stored at the station in an approved PPE storage area, locker, or storage container, accessible to the individual to whom it has been assigned while on duty, on stand-by, or on-call back. Personnel may also carry their PPE sets with them in their privately-owned vehicle.

PROCEDURE FOR UASI PPE REPLACEMENT REQUESTS

MCFRS personnel who have been issued UASI PPE gear must immediately report any lost, stolen, or damaged items to their supervisor. The individual must complete and submit an *MCFRS Logistics Property Request* form for the items needed, with appropriate documentation and narrative outlining the replacement request.



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