


# Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service

## **FIRE CHIEF'S GENERAL ORDER**

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October 10, 2007

**TO:** All MCFRS Personnel

**FROM:** Fire Chief Thomas W. Carr, Jr. 

**SUBJECT:** Requirements for National Incident Management System Training.

The Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service continues to comply with Presidential Directive # 5, by adopting the National Incident Management System (NIMS) as required in Sec. 21-8A of the County Code. Presidential Directive # 5 requires NIMS-Incident Command System (ICS) compliance as a condition for MCFRS to receive federal preparedness assistance through grants, contracts and other activities.

All MCFRS personnel who are on the Integrated Emergency Command Structure list **must complete** the appropriate NIMS-ICS training levels IS100, IS200, IS700 and IS 800 as indicated on the attached training matrix by **December 31, 2007**. Specific training is required at each level to prepare individuals to perform and function within the Incident Command System. MCFRS personnel can access and complete NIMS Courses IS100, IS200, IS700 and IS800 on-line at the NIMS Integration Center @ [www.fema.gov/nims](http://www.fema.gov/nims). NIMS training courses are listed on the Public Safety Training Academy's web site: <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/firtmpl.asp?url=/Content/FireRescue/psta/nims/index.asp>

NIMS IS300 and IS400 courses require 40 hours of classroom training and must be completed by **July 1, 2008**. MCFRS Certified Chief Officers can continue to roster on the weekly Command Officer Duty Officer Schedule without completion of IS300 and IS400 until June 30, 2008.

All new entry level MCFRS personnel must complete NIMS-ICS training as required within one year of certification at the rank of Firefighter/Rescuer I/Emergency Medical Services Provider I.

**NOTE:** MCFRS personnel who complete the NIMS on-line training program should send a copy of their certificate to the PSTA Registrar for inclusion on their PSTA transcript. Please include your Fire Department ID number and career duty assignment or LFRD Station location on the submission.

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