


# Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service

## FIRE CHIEF'S GENERAL ORDER

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TO: All MCFRS Personnel

FROM: Fire Chief Richard Bowers 

SUBJECT: Tanker Dispatch to Adaptive Responses in Non-Hydranted Areas

One tanker will be added to the response plans in all non-hydranted areas, and dispatched for all adaptive assignments consisting of two engines and one special service.

The first due engine must initiate the water supply process by laying a supply line connected to the unit's clapped Siamese. This hose lay must begin at the driveway entrance to the involved structure, or from the nearest area suitable for dump site operations. Units must continue to follow the **Standard Operating Procedure for Safe Structural Firefighting Operations**, MCFRS Policy # 24-07AMII, for all of these events.

The dispatched tanker must respond as dispatched and position near the first due engine upon arrival, setting up as a nurse tanker unless Command directs otherwise.

Minimum staffing of primary units will not drop below three personnel in order for a tanker to respond.

This required change ensures that first arriving engine companies can establish an initial water supply greater than the booster tank(s) in all response areas.