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VOLUNTEER MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY: EMS MEMBER

Issued by: Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Commission
Policy No. 23-04

Authority: Code Section 21-4B(e)(2)

Supersedes: FRC Regulation 25-86 and FRC Emergency Regulation No. 3-93E

Effective date: December 8, 1994

SUMMARY: On November 3, 1977, the Montgomery County Fire Board adopted the membership category of EMS Member, which applies only to volunteer members of the fire and rescue corporations of Montgomery County. This policy permits these EMS members to participate in emergency medical services, limited to providing patient care and operating specific emergency vehicles.

DEADLINES: Montgomery County Fire Board Review: September 30, 1994
Dept. of Fire and Rescue Services Review: September 30, 1994
Fire and Rescue Corporations Review: September 30, 1994

ADDRESS: Address all comments pertaining to the proposed policy to George Giebel, Chairman, Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Commission, 12th Floor, 101 Monroe Street, Rockville, MD 20850.



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STAFF: For additional information, you may contact **Beth Murphy**, Administrative Specialist, Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Commission, on 217-2461.

Sec. 1. Purpose: To set standards for the membership category of EMS members.

Sec. 2. Applicability. This policy applies only to volunteer members of the fire and rescue corporations of Montgomery County.

Sec. 3. Definitions.

- a. Corporation. A fire or rescue corporation established in the County authorized to provide fire, rescue, or emergency medical services.
- b. EMS Member. An individual who is accepted as a volunteer by a fire and rescue corporation and certified to perform emergency medical services.

Sec. 4. Policy. EMS Member Category. The **EMS Member Category** was established to allow **corporation** members to participate in emergency medical care, but this participation is limited to patient care and the operation of specific emergency vehicles.

- a. Medical Requirements. Membership in the **EMS Member** category is contingent upon passing the NFPA 1001 Medical Standards, as amended. The vision requirement is uncorrected vision, not less than 20/400 in each eye; and corrected vision, not less than 20/20 in one eye and 20-40 in the other eye.
- b. Restrictions. An **EMS Member** must not:



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1. operate in a suppression capacity; or
 2. ride suppression apparatus or rescue squads as minimum staffing.
- c. Identification. For identification purposes, **EMS Members** must wear an EMS rocker on both sides of the helmet designating their level of emergency medical certification, i.e., emergency medical technician or paramedic.

Sec. 5. Effective Date. This policy is effective on December 8, 1994.

ATTEST:



George Giebel, Chair
Fire and Rescue Commission



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