

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: Germantown Emergency Center (GEC) Inter-Facility Transfer (IFT)

The Montgomery County Fire Rescue Service, in partnership with Adventist Health Care, provides IFT services from the Germantown Emergency Center to other appropriate medical facilities. This Fire Chief's General Order is being implemented to ensure the efficient and effective use of resources.

When receiving a request for an IFT from the Germantown Emergency Center, EMS703 will determine patient priority, and the resources required for the transport. EMS703 will coordinate the dispatch of appropriate resources with the ECC Supervisor. The transport units below typically will be used.

1. A709
2. A729
3. A722

Inter-Facility Transfer Guidelines

1. The GEC should contact EMS703 when a bed is available, the patient is ready, and the RN, if necessary, has arrived. When EMS 703 is not available, the GEC staff will contact the ECC.
2. EMS703 will notify ECC of the request for transport, and assign the next available transport unit in the cycle indicated above. The use of MCFRS units continues without interruption through change of shift.
3. If the next unit in the use cycle is on an incident at the time of the request, that unit will get credit for the bid, and the next available unit in the cycle should be dispatched.

4. If a nurse is required and used for transport, MCFRS will make every effort to return the nurse to the GEC.
5. EMS703 has the discretion to handle “stacked transports” in the most efficient manner.
6. EMS703 has the discretion to assign units based on operational need.
7. If EMS703 is unavailable, the ECC Supervisor will make the dispatch based on operational needs. EMS703 will adjust the rotation appropriately.
8. Transfers near shift change (~0530) will be delayed until the oncoming shift is available.
9. Emergency transports will continue to be handled according to current policy.

Please call EMS A/C Michael McAdams on (240) 777-2425 if additional information is needed.

