## Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service

## FIRE CHIEF'S GENERAL ORDER

**NUMBER: 05-03** 

March 25, 2005

TO: All MCFRS Personnel

FROM: Fire Chief Thomas W. Carr, Jr.

**SUBJECT: Mandatory Use of Turnout Pant Suspenders** 

The turnout pant suspenders are an integral part of the protective equipment envelope. Firefighters have been burned because the PPE coat and pants interface has become compromised during firefighting operations. Firefighters have also become entangled when turnout pant suspenders have been caught on objects because they were not properly worn.

Therefore, all personnel MUST ALWAYS have protective pant suspenders appropriately attached to the pants and MUST ALWAYS properly use the suspenders when the pants are worn.

The MCFRS Property Section and the various LFRDs have previously issued suspenders to personnel for use with the protective pants. Career personnel that need protective pant suspenders must requisition a pair using established procedures. Volunteer personnel in need of suspenders must utilize existing LFRD procedures.

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