



DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD.

## DIRECTIVE

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TO: All DFRS Personnel

FROM: Chief Jon C. Grover, Director  
Department of Fire and Rescue Services

SUBJECT: In-Service Apparatus Activities (REVISED)

The Department is committed to insuring the expeditious response to incidents, and the courteous, legal operation of vehicles at all times. Therefore, the following will apply to all vehicles, units, and apparatus under the control of DFRS personnel during in-service activities.

1. As stated in Policy and Procedure #808, section 6.8, "Vehicles may be parked in fire lanes or other unconventional spaces during emergency incidents or during fire prevention activities **when other spaces are not available**. Designated parking spaces must be used at all other times. Designated parking spaces should be vacated as soon as possible." (emphasis added)
2. At all other times units will be parked legally and in such a manner as to not "block in" or otherwise inconvenience citizens.
3. Except when on an emergency incident, a driver or member of the crew should remain with apparatus whenever the apparatus would be out of sight or the security of apparatus and equipment would be questionable.
4. Units will remain in the first due station area except for reasons directly related to our primary mission such as training, refueling, etc. These activities may be conducted out of the first due area **only** when no reasonable alternative is available.

5. ECC will always be notified by radio of the destination and reason for a unit moving out of its first due area. ECC will also be notified of the units return to its own first due area.
6. Leaving the first due area specifically for the purpose of going to the Property Section, Montgomery County Employee's Credit Union, grocery stores, or other locations not related to the primary mission is specifically prohibited unless approved by the District Captain.
7. Station activities such as training, maintenance and physical fitness will be conducted in such a manner as to provide for the expeditious response of units. If an activity must be performed which will delay the response of the apparatus by more than one minute, both ECC and the District Captain must be notified.
8. This Directive replaces Directive 95-02 which should be removed.