

Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service

Fire Chief's General Order

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TO: All MCFRS Personnel

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SUBJECT: Designation of Swift Water Boats

MCFRS will change the unit designations for swift water boat assets:
(This change will take effect at 0700 on November 2nd 2014.)

<u>Current Designation</u>	<u>New Designation</u>	<u>CAD/FireApp</u>
Strike Team 710 (ST710)	Swift Water 710 Swift Water 710Bravo	SW710 SW710B
Strike Team 730 (ST730)	Swift Water 730 Swift Water 730Bravo	SW730 SW730B

The *Council of Governments Unit Naming Standard* defines the unit name "**swift water**" as a boat staffed with trained Swift Water Rescue Techs and Swift Water Boat Operator and the unit name "**boat**" as a boat with a motor capable of transporting at least two Operations level rescuers and at least one victim.

A **boat** can be upgraded to **swift water** when staffed with a swift water boat operator and a swift water boat crew member. A **swift water** can be downgraded to a **boat** when staffed with Operations level rescuers.

The personnel responding should identify the tow vehicle pulling the boat or swift water should be identified when announcing on the radio that the boat is responding.

Examples: Boat Support 730 with Swift Water 730 or Utility 714 with Boat 714.

For questions or further clarification contact the Special Operations Section.