

Information Bulletin



MONTGOMERY COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD.

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SUBJECT: EMS Unit Child Safety Seat Replacement Equipment

Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service is replacing all six-year old child safety seats on our EMS units to comply with industry standards. All EMS units will have identical seats for standardization. The distribution of the new seats will occur during the next few weeks, based on priority need for replacement. These seats will come with introductory information, as indicated below. Later this year, certified technicians will schedule drills in the stations to enable personnel to practice proper use and installation of the seats, and to answer questions. EMT-B recertification classes will also include car seat information. When the new car seats arrive at the stations and are placed on the EMS units, the Logistics Courier or Certified Car Seat Technicians will collect the old car seats, and they will be properly disposed by car seat program staff.

You will note that the new seats are labeled to correspond with the COG apparatus numbering system.

The information packet accompanying the seat contains the following materials:

1. A DVD describing the car seat program and the introduction to the integrated child safety seats on EMS units, as well as the proper locations on the EMS units for the new car seats;
2. A sign-in sheet for all personnel to sign once they have viewed the video. These sheets should be returned to Emilie Crown, MCFRS' Car Seat Program manager, at Community Outreach, 100 Maryland Avenue, Suite 120, via interoffice mail, within a month of receiving the new seats. The objectives for viewing the video are listed at the top of the sign-in sheet.
3. A yellow, laminated information sheet listing referral numbers for car seat inquiries, to be posted in each MCFRS station;
4. A new car seat instruction manual to file at each MCFRS station; and
5. Briefing instructions for the new seat, to keep with the seat.

Remember that child passenger safety seats are intended only for "well/uninjured" children who need to be transported in an EMS unit. Medical treatment of children will continue to be guided by Maryland EMS Protocols. The new seats may be stored in the side compartment, or at the end of the bench seat, facing the

front of the unit, and buckled in as is the current practice. ***The new car seats should be kept on the EMS units at all times and are never to be left at the hospital.***

For additional information, you may call Program Manager Emilie Crown at 240-777-2467.

Issued by: Division Chief Michael Love

Below is the information printed on the laminated information sheet to be posted at the stations for your reference:

Montgomery County Fire Rescue Car Seat Program

For all Montgomery County Child Car Seat Check locations, dates for open seat check events, information about surrounding jurisdictions, etc., call the Car Seat Hotline Number: **240-777-2222** (English and Spanish options)

To schedule an appointment: **240-777-2223**

Car seat program manager Emilie Crown: **240-777-2467**

For information on loaner car seats, seats for children with special needs, information regarding Maryland law, advice on car seat selection, all classes, outreach events, certification information, appointment scheduling information, etc.

For information to provide to low-income Montgomery County residents, and inquiries regarding reduced price car seats, call Brenda Botchway at **240-777-1462**

Days and times that MCFRS schedules car seat appointments:

Day	Time	Location
Tuesday and Thursday Building, Aspen Hill	7:30-12 noon	MCFR Community Service
Wednesday Gaithersburg	8:00- 12 noon	Great Beginnings Store,
Thursday evening	7:00 – 9 PM	Criswell Chevrolet, Gaithersburg

The first three Saturdays of the month, car seat appointments will be on rotating schedules, starting with the first location and times above.