



MONTGOMERY COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD.

## Fire Chief's General Order

December 12, 2006

Number: 06-15

**TO:** All MCFRS Personnel  
**FROM:** Fire Chief Thomas W. Carr, Jr.  
**SUBJECT:** Mobile Air Unit 33

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "T. Carr, Jr.", written over the "FROM:" line.

Mobile Air Unit 33 (MAU 33) enhances MCFRS' and the region's capability to provide on-scene cylinder filling with a robust equipment inventory. Please see the accompanying Information Bulletin for more details.

Volunteer and career personnel from Stations 33, 23, 30, 26, and 3 have been certified to drive and operate MAU 33. ECC will confirm staffing whenever MAU 33 is due on an incident according to the following order of priority:

- Station 33 personnel
- Station 30 personnel
- Station 23 personnel
- Station 26 personnel
- Station 3 personnel

When Engine 331 is due on the same dispatch as MAU33, but insufficient drivers are available at Station 33 to respond with both units, the OIC and crew from Station 33 will respond with Engine 331, and will request ECC to dispatch an available unit from the next closest station to respond to Station 33 and take MAU33 on the incident in the priority order indicated above. The OIC at Station 33 should always be aware of personnel staffing and capabilities at the other support stations to assure the correct direction is provided to the ECC Supervisor.

MAU 33 will be dispatched using the same criteria as Air 1 and Air 16. The unit that provides staffing for the MAU will be committed to the event through ECC. The ECC supervisor may add MAU33 to any dispatch if the supervisor believes the unit's capabilities or the equipment it carries would provide benefits in mitigating the incident. This applies especially to incidents where extra SCBA units or spare cylinders might be needed.

Preferred staffing for MAU33 is one certified driver and one firefighter; minimum staffing is one certified driver. If personnel on the air unit recognize the need for additional operators for the air unit, they should be requested through the Incident Commander. Additional air unit operator(s) will be selected in priority order from the matrix listed above.

Requests to use the MAU for non-emergency events must be coordinated through the Duty Operations Chief's office.

For additional information, please contact the Duty Operations Chief's office.

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