

# Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service

## FIRE CHIEF'S GENERAL ORDER

NUMBER: 12-03

February 22, 2012

TO: All MCFRS Personnel

FROM: Richard R. Bowers, Fire Chief



SUBJECT: **Mandatory Cyanokit® Training**

Effective immediately, MCFRS will participate with the MIEMSS Jurisdictional Optional Protocol for Cyanide Poisoning.

**All MCFRS credentialed ALS providers must complete the on-line training program and successfully pass the quiz on the use of the Cyanokit® in accordance with the MIEMSS Jurisdictional Optional Protocol for Cyanide Poisoning, by March 18, 2012.**

The on-line training is accessible at: [www.mcfrsit.com/trackingCyanokit](http://www.mcfrsit.com/trackingCyanokit). Log on using your Tech Training Website username and password. (This is the same username and password used for leave and Kelly picks, or other tech training initiatives. If you have forgotten your logon, click the **Forgot Logon** link on the site, key in your Fire ID where requested, and the system will e-mail your login credentials to you.) After successfully passing the test at the end of the course, click the **Record My Score** button, and wait for on-screen confirmation that you have been checked off to receive course credit.

**NOTE!!!** If other personnel in your station need to take the course when you finish, **you must log off the computer to enable the next person to log back on.** If this is not done, the next person's check-off at the end of the test may not be recorded.

Personnel are expected to complete the training while on-duty, and station officers must provide time during the regular activity periods to allow personnel to do so. The on-line website tracks each participant's completion.

Each Division of Operations' Battalion Chief (BC) vehicle and the EMSDO vehicle will carry a Cyanokit®, to make them available on the scene of working fires where they are most likely to be needed.

If a patient meets the protocol criteria for their use, the ALS provider should retrieve a kit from the BC or EMSDO. Only MCFRS ALS personnel who have completed the training may administer the Cyanokit® to a patient within the provisions of the Cyanide Poisoning Protocol.

Under the Optional Protocol, MIEMSS requires MCFRS to collect data whenever the optional protocol is implemented. Therefore, an ALS provider who treats a patient who meets the criteria for Cyanokit® use ***must notify the EMSDO by the end of that provider's shift.***

Personnel who do not complete the training by ***MARCH 18, 2012*** may be subject to adverse action.

Please direct any questions regarding this FCGO to the EMS Section Chief at: 240-777-2453.

