

Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service

Information Bulletin

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TO: All MCFRS Personnel

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SUBJECT: Implementation of Alternate Assignments for METRO Roadway Incidents

There have been several recent occurrences within the METRO roadway system where the reported location of an incident did not provide optimal patient access for responding units. To address this issue, Operations has requested that PSCC configure the CAD to provision an alternate assignment (ALT) for these incidents, similar to the existing protocol for METROFULL assignments. This will ensure we have resources available to approach the incident from opposite directions if needed. The ALT assignment will be dispatched on the following METRO incident types when the incident is located between METRO stations:

- METRORESQ - METRO ROADWAY RESCUE (injured person in roadway)
- METRORESQP - METRO PEDESTRIAN STRUCK (pedestrian struck by train)
- METROO - METRO ROADWAY OTHER (arcing/smoking insulator, trash/brush fire in roadway, etc.)

The METROI incident type used for the ROCC/MICC "Notification Only" incidents has been excluded from this list intentionally - no ALT assignment is needed on the METROI incident types.

The ALT Assignment must not engage or enter the roadway until specifically directed by command. As outlined in the IRP Appendix, for incidents requiring an alternate entry point, that alternate entry point will always be a METRO station unless the IC diverts units to a portal or yard.

Any questions, comments, or concerns should be routed through your CoC to Operations.