

Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service

FIRE CHIEF'S GENERAL ORDER

NUMBER: 08-07

Rescinded

June 25, 2008

TO: All MCFRS Personnel

FROM: Fire Chief Thomas W. Carr, Jr. 

SUBJECT: Drive Cam

MCFRS has included *Drive Cam* audio and video recording technology in the specifications for all new medium and heavy fire and rescue apparatus. All new MCFRS apparatus has been equipped with *Drive Cam* since October 1, 2007.

Drive Cam continuously records audio and video through a dual-headed camera in the cab area. *Drive Cam* also records video outside the apparatus, as viewed from the perspective of the cab. The recorded information is saved only when a triggering event occurs, e.g., when a significant gravitational force is detected by the *Drive Cam* unit.

A *Drive Cam* pilot program is hereby established for a period of six months, to enable the Safety Office to gather data and evaluate *Drive Cam* equipment and its operation. A permanent *Drive Cam* program will be implemented after the conclusion of the pilot program.

All *Drive Cam* data will be reviewed by the Safety Office. Data concerning career employees will be reviewed by the Collision Investigation Review Committee, which may consider this information in making collision and incident determinations. The Safety Office will forward data concerning volunteer personnel to the appropriate LFRD Chief.

Personnel must not tamper with, obstruct, or impede *Drive Cam* equipment, nor may they attempt to down-load information or interfere with the operation of *Drive Cam* equipment.

This Fire Chief's General Order *replaces* FCGO #07-28, which was issued on December 3, 2007.

Please direct any questions to Assistant Chief Denise S. Pouget-Rankin at 240-777-2250.