



DIVISION OF FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD.

# DIRECTIVE

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**TO:** All District Chiefs and Station Commanders

**FROM:** Chief Roger W. Strock

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Roger W. Strock", written over the printed name.

**SUBJECT:** Hose Testing Gate Valves

All hose testing by Division employees must be performed in accordance with the requirements set forth in NFPA-1962, *The Standard for the Care, Use, and Service Testing of Fire Hose Including Couplings and Nozzles*, 1998 edition.

Standard 1962 allows use of a hydrostatic testing device manufactured for hose testing, or screw down type gate valves with a ¼ inch hole drilled in the valve.

Each District has been assigned four screw down type gate valves for use by companies who do not have access to a hydrostatic tester. These valves are distinctive in that they are engraved with the following warning:

MCFRS  
HOSE TEST  
ONLY  
DIST - 1 through 5