Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service

FIRE CHIEF’S GENERAL ORDER

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TO: All MCFRS Personnel

FROM: Fire Chief Scott E. Goldstein

SUBJECT: Notification to Police of Unidentified Patients

Occasionally, MCFRS units respond to events where the identity of a patient is unknown due to some type of incapacitation. Consistently with these events we have found that the Montgomery County Police or other Law Enforcement agencies have also been attempting to locate these persons to confirm their welfare. Without coordination and notifications between agencies, multiple resources are expended on the law enforcement side to locate these individuals, when in reality the MCFRS has transported them to a medical facility.

Effective immediately, whenever a unit is dispatched to or transports a patient who cannot be identified by name or other information, the unit officer must notify the ECC via radio, preferably on the 7L (Local Secure) talk-group, or via Mobile Data Computer (MDC) with available information on the patient.

The unit officer must provide descriptive information about the patient to the ECC that includes:

- Sex
- Ethnicity
- Approximate Weight
- Approximate Height
- Clothing description
- Any other identifying marks

The ECC will then notify the County Police, and will provide the location of the original event, the circumstances surrounding the event and the location of transport (if any), in addition to the information listed, above.

Questions can be directed to the Communications Section Chief at 240.773.7101