

# Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service FIRE CHIEF'S GENERAL ORDER

FCGO: 25-01

February 12, 2025

TO: All MCFRS Personnel

FROM: Fire Chief Corey A. Smedley



SUBJECT: Shady Grove Medical Center Forensics

**This FCGO replaces and rescinds FCGO 13-14, *EMS Transport Destinations for Victims of Sexual Assault***

Shady Grove Medical Center (SGMC) has a team of forensic nurses that provide specialized care for victims of sexual assault/abuse, domestic violence, strangulation, child abuse, elder/vulnerable adult abuse, and human trafficking. This team provides emergent and ongoing care, specialized patient resources, and evidence collection.

Therefore, a clinically stable patient who is being transported because of sexual assault/abuse, domestic violence, strangulation, child abuse, elder/vulnerable adult abuse, and/or human trafficking and does not require referral to a specialty center should be transported directly to the SGMC Emergency Department regardless of the incident location or hospital diversion status.

Questions may be directed to the EMIHS Section Chief