

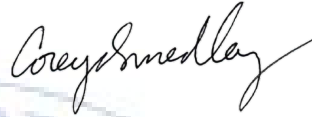
# Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service FIRE CHIEF'S GENERAL ORDER

FCGO: 25-04

February 12, 2025

**TO:** All MCFRS Personnel

**FROM:** Fire Chief Corey A. Smedley



**SUBJECT:** EMS Credentialing

Pursuant to COMAR 30.03.03.06, the MCFRS Medical Director has the authority to grant, modify and rescind EMS Credentials in MCFRS. These credentials are beyond an individual's EMT certification or Paramedic license and grant them the authority to operate independently in our jurisdictional EMS operational program.

Any person riding in any minimum staffing position within MCFRS must possess a Maryland EMT certification or ALS license, must possess EMS credentials validated by the Office of Medical Oversight at the appropriate level of care, and must be affiliated with MCFRS as required by the FCGO titled "EMS Affiliation".

## **Initial BLS Credentials**

Maryland EMT certification and MCFRS affiliation must be completed prior to the credentialing process.

The process to obtain initial BLS EMS credentials is managed at the station or LFRD level. The minimum tasks that must be included in this process are those contained in the most current EMS Modules of the Probationary Employee Training Program manual which is available online.

Upon completion of the minimum assessments and equivalencies, the MCFRS EMIHS Section and Office of Medical Oversight shall be notified of completion and the medical director will, in turn, extend EMS Credentials to the BLS level.

Records of the credentialing process must be maintained in the department operating file.

## **Initial ALS Credentials**

The ALS residency program concluding with an Objective Structured Clinical Exam (OSCE) is the conduit to obtain ALS credentials with MCFRS. ALS residency is managed by the Public Safety Training Academy.

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Individuals must apply for ALS residency with the PSTA. Acceptance into ALS residency will initiate an ALS affiliation with MCFRS via MIEMSS. Upon completion of ALS residency and OSCE, the Office of Medical Oversight will extend MCFRS EMS credentials to the ALS level. Records of the ALS credentialing process must be maintained at the PSTA.

**Questions may be directed to the EMIHS Section Chief**

