



MONTGOMERY COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD.

FLEET MANAGEMENT BULLETIN

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TO: All Personnel

FROM: Capt. Poist, Small Tools Section

SUBJECT: Thermal Imaging Camera Batteries

Background: The Small Tools Section frequently receives requests for Thermal Imaging Camera Batteries. Varying life cycle of batteries and units having several batteries for each Thermal Imaging Camera has proven to be problematic for the end user and Small Tools Section from a supply and support vantage point.

Current State: The Small Tools Section will be issuing one new battery to every Thermal Imaging Camera. This initiative is to be followed by issuing a new battery every year, on a one for one trade. The intent is for each Thermal Imaging Camera to have two assigned batteries with each battery having a two-year life cycle on an alternating replacement plan.

Action Needed:

Small Tools will be sending a representative out to each station to complete exchange of Thermal Imaging Batteries by Battalion. The tentative schedule is:

- Wednesday April 13, 2022- Battalions 1, 2, & 4
- Thursday April 14, 2022- Battalions 3, 5, and any catch up

If companies are out of the station, please leave the correct number of batteries to exchange in the watch office, next to the CAD computer.

For the Command Staff with assigned Thermal Imaging Batteries, (Battalion Chiefs and Safety Officer), please place the battery assigned to your unit with the assigned station batteries (Example BC703 with Company 32's batteries).

End State: Companies are reminded not to leave the batteries on the chargers for long durations (more than the time needed to charge, several hours) as long term charging is causing damage to both the batteries and the chargers.

If you have any questions, please contact Captain Dustin Poist @ 240-777-2298 OR the Small Tools Section via email FRS.SmallTools@montgomerycountymd.gov or (240)777-2217