

Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service

FIRE CHIEF'S GENERAL ORDER

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TO: All MCFRS Personnel

FROM: Acting Fire Chief Richard R. Bowers 

SUBJECT: Training Program for Newly Acquired CAFS Pumpers

The Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service is preparing for the delivery of thirty-six new Crimson pumpers. Each of the new pumpers will be equipped with a compressed air foam system (CAFS) and a Hale Q Max pump. In cooperation with the Apparatus Section, the Training Academy will deliver a Department-wide training program that is designed to familiarize personnel with the new apparatus and introduce CAFS technology. MCFRS personnel are required to comply with the applicable provisions below.

1. All IECS-certified ranks of Firefighter/Rescuer personnel must successfully complete the rank-appropriate web-based **CAFS Orientation** training (either CAFS Orientation for Chief Officers, or CAFS Orientation for non-Chief Officers). The links to the *CAFS Orientation* training are accessible from MCFRS **Quicklinks** at the **Training Section/Pumper-Foam Training/CAFS blackboard login**.
2. All IECS-certified Firefighter/Rescuer personnel, **except** Certified Chief Officers (subject to the engine driver requirements indicated in #3 below), must **also** successfully complete the *CAFS Operations* class at the PSTA. **These personnel must successfully complete the web-based CAFS Orientation training before attending the CAFS Operations training at the PSTA.**
3. Certified engine drivers must complete *CAFS Orientation*, *CAFS Operations* (including Certified Chief Officers/engine drivers who wish to become certified as a CAFS engine drivers), and a *Familiarization and Performance Operational Check-Out*, to become certified as CAFS-equipped engine drivers. **Personnel must successfully complete the *Familiarization and Performance Operational Check-Out* at the PSTA and be evaluated by the MCFRS Driver Training Coordinator or designee.**

To remain IECS-certified, personnel must complete all applicable training for their current driver certification and rank. E.g., an MCFRS Certified Chief Officer who is a certified engine driver must successfully complete *CAFS Orientation* training (see #1 above), *CAFS Operations* (see #2 above), and the *Familiarization and Performance Operational Check-Out* at the PSTA (see #3 above).

The timeline for CAFS training will be coordinated with the delivery schedule of the new apparatus. Training times, dates, and locations will be announced by the PSTA. When the new CAFS pumpers are delivered, a station-based CAFS review program will be provided for each receiving station. General background information on the CAFS pumpers is accessible at **Quicklinks** at **Training Section/Pumper-Foam Training/In-station Foam Drills**, and **Training Section/Pumper-Foam Training/CAFS Video**.

Personnel who fail to meet the requirements established in this FCGO may be restricted from participating in the IECS.

This General Order **supersedes and rescinds** Fire Chief's General Order #07-09, dated April 5, 2007.

