



MONTGOMERY COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD.

DIRECTIVE

NUMBER: 02-13

DATE: September 6, 2002

TO: Duly Appointed Fire and Explosive Investigators

FROM: Gordon A. Aoyagi, Fire Administrator

Regan W. Shocks for:

SUBJECT: Providing Aid and Assistance/Use of Force

All duly appointed Fire and Explosive Investigators are hereby authorized to provide assistance to any law enforcement officer or citizen when there is a threat of death or bodily injury. All duly appointed Fire and Explosive Investigators are also authorized to provide assistance to any law enforcement officer or citizen upon request. A request for assistance in this regard can be explicit, or reasonably implied from the circumstances. Investigators must use a continuum of force consistent with their level of training, knowledge and experience to protect themselves and others from personal attack, injury, physical resistance, and in making arrests.

All investigators must comply with DFRS Policy Number 1111 entitled "Use of Force." Any questions regarding this directive should be sent to the Assistant Fire Marshal of the Fire and Explosive Investigations Section, Bureau of Life Safety Services. This rescinds Directive number 99-05 dated July 1, 1999.

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