



MONTGOMERY COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD.

DIRECTIVE

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TO: All Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service Personnel

FROM: Fire Chief Tom Carr, DFRS

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Acting Chief Frederick H. Welsh, DVFRS

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SUBJECT: Turnout Gear

The safety, health and welfare of all personnel in Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service are paramount in the delivery of emergency services to the public. Personnel are routinely subjected to a variety of contaminants including, blood borne pathogens and other infectious materials, air borne pathogens, and carcinogens from smoke. Personnel have at times either worn or carried their turnout gear in the living areas of the station, such as the kitchen, dayroom or bunkroom. This practice places the health of all MCFRS personnel and visitors at an unnecessary risk.

Effective immediately, turnout gear must not be worn, carried or stored inside the living areas of fire and rescue stations or any other Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service facility.