



DIVISION OF FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD.

DIRECTIVE

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DATE: January 12, 2004

TO: All DFRS Personnel

FROM: Chief Tom Carr

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SUBJECT: In-Service Apparatus Activities

This Directive replaces Directive 95-02

The Division is committed to insuring the expeditious response to incidents, and the courteous, legal operation of vehicles at all times. Therefore, the following will apply to all vehicles, units, and apparatus under the control of DFRS personnel during in-service activities.

1. At all times units must be parked legally and in such a manner as to not block or otherwise inconvenience citizens. This includes complying with marked fire lanes.
2. Except when on an emergency incident, a driver or member of the crew must remain with apparatus whenever the apparatus is out of sight or the security of apparatus and equipment is questionable.
3. Units will remain in the first due station area except when engaged in duties directly related to our primary mission such as training, fuel, etc. These activities will be conducted out of the first due area **only** when no reasonable alternative that keeps the unit in its area is available.
4. Leaving the first due area specifically for the purpose of going to property, credit union, food runs, or other purposes not related to the primary mission is specifically prohibited unless approved by the Battalion Chief.
5. Station activities such as training, maintenance and physical fitness will be conducted in such a manner as to provide for the expeditious response of units. If an activity must be performed which will delay the response of the apparatus by over one minute, both ECC and the Battalion Chief must be notified.

TC/jml/In-service apparatus directive

