



MONTGOMERY COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD.

DIVISION OF COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION SERVICES

DIRECTIVE

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Number: 09-01

TO: All Fire and Explosive Investigations Section Personnel

FROM: Division Chief Michael T. Love

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SUBJECT: Child Abuse – Montgomery County Police Function Code 619

I. Goal. The Montgomery County Fire and Explosive Investigations (FEI) Section supports reporting and investigating all child abuse and/or neglect incidents by having its personnel promptly notifying and cooperating with all law enforcement agencies having jurisdiction.

II. Procedure.

A. When FEI investigators involved in an event suspect or confirm an occurrence of child abuse and/or neglect, an investigator must notify the Montgomery County Department of Police (MCP), or the law enforcement agency having jurisdiction. The investigator will request the response of the law enforcement agency to take charge of the abuse/neglect component of the event, including all follow-up activities. The lead FEI investigator is responsible for ensuring that this notification is made.

B. At a minimum, an officer from the law enforcement agency having jurisdiction should be involved in every incident where the FEI suspects or confirms the occurrence of child abuse and/or neglect.

C. This Directive does not preclude an FEI investigator from taking into custody children who are suspected of being abused and/or neglected, under appropriate circumstances, and in accordance with applicable statutes.

III. Revision.

When a new MCP Department Directive or Headquarters Memorandum is issued that affects MCP Function Code 619, Child Abuse/Neglect, the FEI Section Chief will determine its applicability and will amend this Directive as required.