

Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service

FIRE CHIEF'S GENERAL ORDER

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TO: All MCFRS Personnel

FROM: Interim Fire Chief Richard R. Bowers



SUBJECT: Traffic Safety Vest

This FCGO amends MCFRS Policy 26-07AM entitled *Use and Wearing of Traffic Safety Vests during Incidents on Arterials, Highways, and Streets*, dated June 1, 2005.

The Federal Highway Administration has issued new Regulation Number 23 CFR 634, effective November 24, 2008, requiring the use of ANSI/ISEA compliant high-visibility safety vests on Federal-aid highways. In order to comply with this new regulation, all MCFRS personnel **must** wear an ANSI/ISEA 107-2004 Class II or III garment, or the ANSI 207-2006 Public Safety Vest, when exposed to traffic on arterials, highways, or streets. **The MCFRS structural firefighting coat and EMS PPE do not comply with applicable ANSI or ISEA standards.**

However, personnel who are engaged in emergency operations that directly expose them to flame, fire, heat, or hazardous materials are exempt from this Safety Vest requirement while MCFRS-approved structural firefighting gear is being worn.

Please direct any questions to Assistant Chief Michael E. Nelson, Jr., at (240) 777-2219.