

Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service

FIRE CHIEF'S GENERAL ORDER

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TO: All MCFRS Personnel

FROM: Fire Chief Richard Bowers

SUBJECT: ACLS Recertification

The Public Safety Training Academy (PSTA), in conjunction with Kaplan University, will begin offering the didactic (non-practical) portion of Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) recertification in an on-line format. **Effective January 1, 2011, this three to four hour on-line course will replace the didactic component of the one-day ACLS recertification course currently offered at the PSTA.** This component *must* be completed not later than thirty days after being enrolled (accepted) in the on-line course. The Registrar will be notified when personnel successfully complete this component.

Career personnel must complete the on-line component of ACLS recertification during normal work hours; Station Officers must allow time for career personnel to complete this component while on-duty. Overtime is prohibited for this activity.

The practical component of ACLS recertification will continue to be offered at the PSTA. This component will include a practical skills examination, and a written examination. Personnel must successfully complete the didactic **and** practical components of ACLS recertification, and successfully complete the practical and written examinations to be eligible for recertification as an ACLS provider.

Career personnel must register on-line for ACLS recertification at:
<https://ext01.montgomerycountymd.gov/ent/s2/otrs/> .

Volunteer personnel must register through their appropriate LFRD Training Coordinator.

If additional information is needed, please call A/C Mike Clemens at (301) 279-1314.