

# 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: Handling Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Following an Injury

The Incident Commander or the On-Duty MCFRS Safety Officer **must** impound all PPE, including SCBA (if worn), that was used by a firefighter/rescuer who suffered an injury where their PPE may have been a factor. The impounded PPE/SCBA must be bagged, and an Impound Tag **must** be completed and attached to the equipment. The Incident Commander or On-Duty MCFRS Safety Officer **must** take possession of the PPE/SCBA and all appropriate documentation, and deliver it to the Fire and Explosive Investigations (FEI) evidence room. All personnel who have handled the involved equipment must sign-off on the Impound Tag in order to document chain-of-custody.

Personnel whose PPE has been impounded as a result of their having been involved in an incident will use their second set of gear, or will be issued loaner gear.

This FCGO **rescinds and supersedes** MCFRS Directive #03-15 *Handling Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) following an Injury*.

Please contact Assistant Chief Michael E. Nelson Jr. with any questions.