

Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service

FIRE CHIEF'S GENERAL ORDER

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TO: All MCFRS Personnel

FROM: Fire Chief Steven E. Lohr



SUBJECT: EMS Transport Destinations for Victims of Sexual Assault

MCFRS EMS providers are frequently asked by the police to transport patients who are the victim of sexual assault to Shady Grove Adventist Hospital (SGAH). Compared to other Montgomery County hospitals, SGAH does have enhanced capabilities for the forensic examination of sexual assault victims. Common sense and compassion also suggest that these patients would benefit from being treated by only one set of hospital staff, and should not be subjected to an inter-facility transport.

Therefore, if a patient who is the victim of a sexual assault is stable, and does not need referral to a specialty center due to other injuries or conditions (trauma, burns etc.), it is acceptable to bypass the closest Emergency Department to transport the patient to SGAH. If this patient is not stable, he or she must be transported to the closest appropriate receiving facility, in accordance with Maryland Medical Protocols.