

## CLASS REVISIONS

The following is a list of changes made to the curriculum offered at the Fire/Rescue Training Academy:

1. Blood/Air Borne Pathogens is now online. Follow the same instructions as those used for EEO and the Law. The last Blood/Air Borne Pathogens class to be offered at the Fire/Rescue Training Academy will be June 25, 2008. The remaining scheduled classes for the year are CANCELED. If you have any problems with the course, please contact Capt. Audrey S. Deputy via email at [Audrey.Deputy@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:Audrey.Deputy@montgomerycountymd.gov). If you have any problems with the use of Blackboard, please email Capt. Chuck Bartlett at [Chuck.Bartlett@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:Chuck.Bartlett@montgomerycountymd.gov). Attached is a copy of the Blackboard instructions for both EEO and the Law, and Blood/Air Borne Pathogens (Attachment B).
2. Personal Protective Equipment class will now be offered as part of the EMT-B class as well as in the Firefighter I class. There are no more stand alone PPE classes. If there is anyone who needs the PPE class only, the LFRD Training Coordinator may contact Ms. Kristine Mackie at [Kristine.Mackie@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:Kristine.Mackie@montgomerycountymd.gov) for the approximate dates of future PPE classes. If they are going to take only the PPE class, and not the EMT-B or Firefighter I class, they must still use the proper registration process (Attachment C) to register for the PPE class. This change was made in order to reduce the number of days and evenings personnel would have to travel to the academy for training.
3. Cultural Diversity – Starting in July 2008, Cultural Diversity will be given every other month. For the rest of 2008, Cultural Diversity will be offered in July, September, and November. It will continue to be offered every other month from now on. Please remove your course announcements offering Cultural Diversity for August, October, and December of 2008.
4. Essentials of Firefighting will now be offered as Firefighter I and Firefighter II. This is solely to stay consistent with MFRI. Administratively, we need to keep these courses separate. They each will have their own set of paperwork. The course itself has not changed. It is our intent that these courses be taken together. Students will need to register for each class separately, Firefighter I and Firefighter II. Student's who are registered for both classes, will be given the priority over a student who is registering for only one of the classes.
5. Pumps & Hydraulics – will be the 30 hour MFRI course.
6. Aerial Apparatus Operator – will be the 30 hour MFRI course.
7. EMS Company Level Operations – will not be offered this year pending Council action to eliminate. Strategies & Tactics will meet this requirement.