

LOS PINOS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE



TITLE	NUMBER	EFFECTIVE DATE	REVISION DATE
INFECTION CONTROL POLICY	506	December 1 st , 2009	

PURPOSE: To provide a comprehensive infection control system which maximizes protection against communicable diseases for all members, and for the public which we serve.

SCOPE: This policy applies to all members; career, volunteer, and administrative staff. Los Pinos Fire recognizes that communicable disease exposure is an occupational health hazard. Communicable disease transmission is possible during any aspect of emergency response, including in-station operations. The health and welfare of each member is a joint concern of the member, officers and the entire department. While each member is ultimately responsible for his or her own health, Los Pinos Fire recognizes a responsibility to provide as safe a workplace as possible. The goal of this program is to provide all members with protection from occupationally acquired communicable disease.

It is the responsibility of this department:

- To provide rescue and emergency medical services to the public without regard to known or suspected diagnoses of communicable disease in any patient.
- To regard all patient contacts as potentially infectious. Universal precautions shall be observed at all times and will be expanded to include all body fluids and other potentially infectious material.
- To provide all members with the necessary training, immunizations, and personal protective equipment (PPE) needed for protection from communicable disease.
- To recognize the need for work restrictions based on infection control concerns.
- Encourage participation in member assistance and critical incident stress debriefing programs.
- To prohibit discrimination of any member for health reasons, including infection and/or seroconversion with HIV / HBV / HCV virus.
- To regard all medical information as strictly confidential. No member's health information will be released without written consent of the member.

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EXPOSURE CONTROL PLAN

Purpose: To identify those tasks and corresponding job classifications for which it can be reasonably anticipated that an exposure to blood, other body fluids, or other potentially infectious materials may occur, to establish a schedule for implementation of the department's infection control plan, and to identify the procedure for the evaluation of circumstances surrounding exposure incidents.

EXPOSURE DETERMINATION

The following tasks are reasonably anticipated to involve exposure to blood, body fluids, or other potentially infectious materials:

- Provisions of emergency medical care to injured or ill patients, rescue of victims from hostile environments, including burning structures or vehicles, water contaminated atmospheres, or oxygen deficient atmospheres, extrication of persons from vehicles, machinery, collapses, excavations or structures.
- Training activities as in CPR, First aid, Emergency Medical Technician, etc.
- Recovery and or removal of bodies from any situation sited above.
- Responses to hazardous material emergency involving potentially infectious substances.

The following job classifications are reasonably anticipated to involve exposure to blood, body fluids, or other potentially infectious substances in the performance of their duties:

- All Fire and Rescue personnel
- EMS providers (1st Responder, EMT-Basic, Intermediate, Paramedic)

The following job classifications have low to moderate probability to involve exposure to blood, body fluids, or other potentially infectious substances in the performance of their duties:

- Student interns/Observers
- Administrators (who do not fall in the above classification)
- Clerical staff

IMPLEMENTATION

This infection control program is applicable to all members, career and volunteer, providing rescue and/or emergency medical service. It is effective immediately. The infection control program consists of a policy statement, identification of roles and

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responsibilities, Standard Operating Procedures (SOP's), training, and record keeping. SOP's identify specific procedural guidelines for all aspects of response and station environments where disease transmission can be reasonably anticipated, as well as training, administrative aspects of the program, and post-exposure evaluation/investigation.

Specific program components are identified as follows:

- SOP 506: Infection Control Policy
- SOP 507: Health Maintenance
- SOP 508: Infection Control Training
- SOP 509: Station Environment
- SOP 510: Personal Protective Equipment
- SOP 511: Scene Operations
- SOP 512: Post-Response (Housekeeping)
- SOP 513: Post Exposure Protocols
- SOP 514: Compliance and Quality Monitoring/Program Evaluation

EVALUATION OF EXPOSURE INCIDENTS

The procedure for the evaluation/investigation of circumstances surrounding incidents of exposure to blood, other body fluids, or other potentially infectious materials is detailed in SOP 513: Post Exposure Protocols. Medical follow-up, documentation, record keeping, and confidentiality requirements are also defined in SOP 513.

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Date