

STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINES

DELTA-CARDIFF
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S.O.G. E57-17 Revision: 0

SUBJECT: Infection Control Policy

DIVISION: Ambulance

INITIAL DATE: Unknown

EFFECTIVE DATE: 23 December 2002

PURPOSE: To maximize protection against communicable diseases for all members and the public they serve.

APPLICABLE TO: All personnel, including but not limited to, firefighters, fire police, ambulance personnel, and apparatus operators, that have the potential to be exposed during occupational activities to bloodborne pathogens or other potentially infectious materials.

AUTHORITY: DCVFC Ambulance Committee

Related SOG's: E57-32 – Exposure Control Plan
E57-32/1 – Exposure Control Plan (The Plan)

- I. It is the policy of the Ambulance Division to:
1. Provide emergency medical services to the public without regard to known or suspected diagnoses of communicable disease in any patient.
 2. Regard all patient contacts as potentially infectious and use universal precautions for all body fluids and other potentially infectious materials.
 3. Provide personnel with the necessary training, immunizations, and personal protective equipment (PPE) needed for protection from communicable diseases
 4. Recognize the need for restrictions based on infection control concerns.
 5. Encourage participation in member assistance and Critical Incident Stress Debriefing (CISD) programs.
 6. Prohibit discrimination of any member for health reasons, including infection and/or seroconversion with Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) or Hepatitis B Virus (HBV).

7. Regard all medical information as strictly confidential.

II. Implementation of this policy ensures:

1. Increased protection of members and their families from communicable disease.
2. Improved patient care.
3. Reduction of fear, and therefore, improved morale.
4. Cost reduction secondary to decreased disability.
5. Compliance with OSHA Rule 29 CFR 1910.1030.

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