



GLASTONBURY FIRE DEPARTMENT STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINES



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CATEGORY: EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE
SUB-CATEGORY: FIREFIGHTER WELLNESS
SUBJECT: STATION ENVIRONMENTS

Section I – Introduction

A. Objectives

To provide members with stations that are arranged and maintained in a manner that minimized the potential for an exposure to an infectious disease to occur.

B. Applicability

This guideline applies to all Department facilities.

C. References

Guide to Developing and Managing an Emergency Service Infection Control Program, U.S.F.A., 1992.

29 CFR 1910.1030, Occupational Exposure to Blood Borne Pathogens.

NFPA 1500 - Fire Department Occupational Safety and Health Program, 1992.

NFPA 1581, Standard on Fire Department Infection Control Program, 1991.

Section II – Storage and Disposal of Potentially Infectious Materials

No potentially infectious materials are to be stored in stations.

Infectious disposable materials are to be red bagged and disposed of at the Glastonbury Volunteer Ambulance Association facility.

Contaminated turnout gear, blankets, clothing are to be red bagged and placed in the red receptacles located at each station. The Chief's office is to be notified so that the contaminated items can be picked up by the cleaning contractor.

Kitchens, restrooms and locker rooms are not to be used for storage.

Contaminated durable equipment is to be cleaned immediately. Red bags and bio-hazard trash cans are to be used for handling purposes only and not for long term storage.

Contaminated sharps containers are not to be reused and are to be immediately taken to Glastonbury EMS facility for disposal.

Section III - Decontamination

Department's standard cleaning solutions are warm soapy water and a 1:10 bleach water solution.

Decontamination is to be performed in custodian's slop sink.

Decontamination is not to be performed in kitchens or bath/locker rooms.

Section IV - Equipment Received for other Agencies

Verify that equipment was properly cleaned before accepting. If it cannot be verified, treat equipment as potentially infectious and immediately dispose of, clean or send out for cleaning.

Section V - Approval

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