

Bloodborne Pathogen Training

602.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to establish a state-mandated training program to ensure members have the skills and knowledge to protect themselves against occupational exposure to potentially infectious blood or bodily fluids (8 CCR 5193(g)(2)).

602.2 POLICY

It is the policy of the Fresno County Fire Protection District to make members' health and safety a priority by providing initial and recurring bloodborne pathogen training. All members of the District whose duties have a risk of occupational exposure to potentially infectious blood or bodily fluids shall receive bloodborne pathogen training (8 CCR 5193(g)(2)).

602.3 PROCEDURES

The Fire Chief will assign a person as the district's Exposure Control Officer (ECO). The ECO shall be responsible for the following:

- (a) The overall management of the bloodborne pathogen Exposure Control Plan (ECP).
- (b) Establishing written procedures and a training program related to aerosol transmissible diseases, as required by 8 CCR 5199.
- (c) Working with management to develop and administer any additional related policies and practices necessary to support the effective implementation of this plan.
- (d) Remaining current on all legal requirements concerning bloodborne pathogens and other communicable diseases, as required by 8 CCR 5193.
- (e) Acting as a liaison during Cal/OSHA inspections, conducting program audits to maintain an up-to-date ECP and ensuring exposure report forms are available and adequate for members to properly report incidents of exposure.
- (f) Maintaining an up-to-date list of personnel requiring training.
- (g) Developing and implementing a training program, maintaining class rosters and quizzes, and periodically reviewing and updating the training program.
- (h) Reviewing and updating the ECP annually (on or before January 1 of each year).

District officers are responsible for exposure control in their respective areas. They shall work directly with the ECO and any affected members to ensure that the proper exposure control procedures are followed.

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602.4 TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

Any member whose duties place him/her at risk for exposure to bloodborne pathogens shall receive district-provided, no-cost training during working hours that shall include all of the state requirements (8 CCR 5193).

602.5 TRAINING RECORDS

The Training Chief shall be responsible for maintaining records of all bloodborne pathogen training provided to members. Records should include, but are not limited to, the following:

- (a) The dates of the training sessions
- (b) A list of the topics or a summary of the content of the training sessions
- (c) The names or other identifier and job title of the members who received the training
- (d) The names, certificate number and qualifications of persons conducting the training

The Training Chief should maintain the training records in accordance with established records retention schedules.