

# EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

## OPERATING GUIDELINES – Body Substance Isolation



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### PURPOSE

The following guideline is intended to prevent exposure to possible contaminants and injury at EMS incidents. This procedure is intended to promote and encourage the use of appropriate exposure control measures and minimize the risk of exposure to communicable diseases. The use of proper PPE will have the effect of decreased exposure risk to both the responder and patient(s)

### GENERAL STATEMENTS

A primary responsibility of the fire department is to prevent injury or exposure to possible contaminants of fire personnel at EMS incidents.

The Federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) mandates that employers provide “at risk employees” with bloodborne/airborne pathogen personal protective equipment (BBP) PPE. The Department will issue a BBP PPE fanny pack to all members assigned to emergency response.

Each fanny pack will be permanently labeled with the member’s name and will be the member’s responsibility for maintenance and accountability. The BBP PPE will be added to the personal protective clothing equipment checklist (PPE Report) and will be inventoried and inspected by the company officer on a quarterly basis. Any damaged or missing PPE will be replaced from the EMS cabinet as soon as possible.

The BBP PPE fanny pack will contain the following items:

- 1 pair re-usable protective eyewear / glasses
- 1 TB mask
- 1 pair of disposable sleeves
- 3 pair disposable gloves
- 1 pair trauma shears
- 1 pen light
- 1 black ink pen

The following BBP PPE will be utilized for responders who wear duty shorts. Responders who chose to wear departmental approved duty shorts will wear departmental issued response pants / barrier pants / or bunker pants on all EMS incidents to provide added protection against exposure to contaminants and or possible injury.