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PURPOSE

Compliance and quality monitoring assures the day to day effectiveness of the Infection Control Program. The emphasis is on identifying problems that are potentially harmful to patients and/or emergency responders and determining effective solutions to identified problems.

POLICY

The Department recognizes the need to be proactive in their approach to the prevention and spread of communicable diseases and that it is less costly, both in human suffering and in dollar value to prevent an exposure than to provide long-term treatment to an exposed member and their family. This standard applies to all members of the Peoria Fire Department.

Compliance and Quality Monitoring

The internal Infection Control Officer will collect compliance and quality monitoring data to include but not limited to:

- Inspection of station facilities.
- Observation of on-scene activities.
- In-station observation of work practices.
- Analysis of reported exposures to communicable diseases.

The Infection Control Officer shall maintain a “Sharps Injury Log” (IAW 29 CFR 1904) for the recording of percutaneous injuries from contaminated sharps.

The information in the Sharps Injury Log shall be recorded and maintained in such a manner as to protect the confidentiality of the injured member.

The Sharps Injury Log shall contain at a minimum:

- The type and brand of device involved in the incident.
- The location and work area where the incident occurred.
- A detailed explanation of how the incident occurred.
- The level of detail presented should be sufficient to allow ready identification of the device, location and circumstances surrounding an

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exposure incident so that the intended evaluation of risk and device effectiveness can be accomplished.

- Description of the events that resulted in the injury.
- What protective equipment was in use by the injured member.
- Procedure being performed.
- Body part affected.
- Object or substances involved and how they were involved.

Reporting

The Infection Control Officer will report to the Fire Chief.

Reporting will include; determining the cause(s) of non-compliance and deciding what actions need to be taken.

Non Compliance Follow-up Options

- If noncompliance is due to unclear and/or inadequate SOP's, revisions will be required.
- Noncompliance on the part of one or more individuals may require supervisory intervention (counseling, training and possibly formal disciplinary action).
- Noncompliance by larger numbers of responders may indicate a need for reviewing the department's training program or even the organizational culture affecting member's attitudes.
- The department's physician or medical director may have to be directly involved if the quality of patient care is an issue or if the problem involves confidential health information.
- If community biases or practices are the problem, some form of public education may be indicated.
- Appropriate follow-up activities depend on a thorough analysis of the program and related problems

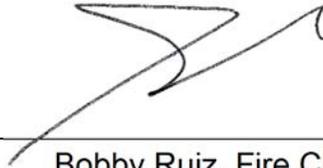
Program Evaluation

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The Infection Control Program will be reevaluated at least annually by a group designated by the Fire Chief to ensure that the program is both appropriate and effective.

The Infection Control Program will be reevaluated as needed to reflect any significant changes in assigned tasks or procedures; in medical knowledge related to infection control; or regulatory matters.

Approved:



Bobby Ruiz, Fire Chief

09/28/2015

Date