

CLIO AREA FIRE DEPARTMENT POLICY

BLOOD BORN PATHOGEN

The Clio Area Fire Department will conduct operations with safety and health as a prime concern. Safety and health of fire fighting personnel and the public will be the first consideration regardless of the type of incident or situation in which the Clio Area Fire Department may become involved.

Each new member will be informed about Blood Borne Pathogens and specifically about Hepatitis B.

Each new member will be required to take a series of 3 inoculations for prevention of Hepatitis B, or sign a waver stating that they refuse the inoculations.

Permanent record will be kept in the member's personnel file indicating either the dates of the inoculations, or the signed waver.

Blood Borne Pathogen Training will be provided on an annual basis. A record will be kept indicating the date of this training and a list of attendees.

The training will normally be combined with training for CPR.

Rubber gloves will be carried on apparatus, normally responding to extrication calls, and provided for use at incidents where the member may come in contact with bodily fluids.

Any member coming in contact with bodily fluids of another during an incident will wash immediately on return from the incident.

Bunker gear, including coat, pants, hood, and gloves, which become contaminated or are suspected of being contaminated with bodily fluids shall be placed in a plastic bag and taken to an appropriate cleaning facility before being reused.