



FRESNO COUNTY FIRE

PROTECTION DISTRICT

PAID-CALL FIREFIGHTER POLICY & PROCEDURE HANDBOOK

POLICY NO.: 200-08

SUBJECT: HEPATITIS B VACCINATIONS

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 1, 2009

REVISION DATE: October 1, 2013

RESPONSIBILITY: Fresno County Fire Protection District
Paid-Call Firefighter

POLICY/PROCEDURE:

PURPOSE:

It is the intent of the Fresno County Fire Protection District to protect the Health and Safety of all members from the transfer of unwanted blood borne illness, from a patient to an emergency responder, during the course of an incident where personnel may come into contact with the bodily fluids of another.

POLICY:

All Paid-Call Firefighters (PCF) who respond to medical emergency calls will be offered Hepatitis-B Vaccination, at District expense. This will consist of a series of three (3) vaccinations over a specified time period.

If the PCF Firefighter has elected not to receive the vaccination series, they may respond to medical calls only after having submitted the FCO-39, Hepatitis-B Vaccination form, declining the vaccination. (See Exhibit 100-02)

Procedure

1. All PCF applicants will be provided with form FCO-39, Hepatitis B Vaccination, in the application package.
2. Applicants are to complete this form as directed by initialing the appropriate box referring to their vaccination choice; either requesting to receive, declined to receive, or have already received vaccination.

3. Upon the successful completion of Trainee Status and appointment to Active PCF Status, the station Captain will notify the PCF Program Administrator to schedule the member for vaccination appointment.
4. Applicants choosing to receive the vaccination will be notified by the PCF Program Administrator, or their designee, as to the scheduled time and location of the initial vaccination appointment. It shall be the responsibility of the individual PCF for keeping this appointment and maintaining participation in the series until completed.
5. PCF Firefighters will not respond to Medical Emergency calls without first completing the "Hepatitis-B" vaccination Certification Form, either accepting or declining the Hepatitis B vaccination.
6. The Hepatitis-B vaccination application form will be retained in the Member's Official Personnel File.

POLICY RESPONSIBILITY:

Board of Directors, Fire Chief, District Administrative Officer, Division Chiefs, Battalion Chiefs, Station Captains, Paid-Call Company Officers, Paid-Call Fire Apparatus Operators, Paid-Call Firefighters.