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**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT
TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, GLOUCESTER COUNTY
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**FIRE DEPARTMENT POLICY # 32-95
regarding
INFECTION CONTROL**

It shall be the policy of the Washington Township Board of Fire Commissioners to establish and maintain a comprehensive infection control program to maximize protection against communicable diseases for all personnel providing fire suppression, fire rescue, and fire investigation services. The Board of Fire Commissioners recognizes that communicable disease exposure is an occupational health hazard associated with the fire service. The goal of the program is to provide personnel with the best available protection from occupationally acquired communicable disease. Therefore, an infection control plan shall be implemented and maintained, consisting of the following:

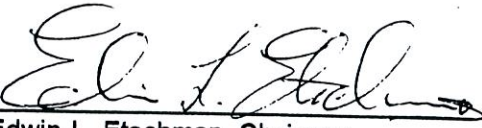
- An "Exposure Control Plan" comprised of the elements outlined in the OSHA regulations on "Occupational Exposure to Bloodborne Pathogens", 29 CFR 1910.1030.
- Standard Operating Procedures covering all aspects of response and fire department activity where disease transmission is possible.
- A training program designed to provide personnel with complete information concerning the transmission of infectious disease, recognition of tasks and other activities that may involve exposure to blood and other potentially infectious materials, methods that will prevent or reduce exposure, and procedures to follow if an exposure incident occurs. In addition, the training program shall include explanation and discussion of the Exposure Control Plan and Standard Operating Procedures. Records shall be maintained on all training received by Fire District personnel.
- An immunization program, whereby the Hepatitis B vaccination series is available to all Fire District personnel at no charge.
- Personal protective equipment needed for protection from communicable diseases.

It shall further be the policy of the Washington Township Board of Fire Commissioners to

support participation in member assistance and critical incident stress debriefing programs for those exposed to bloodborne pathogens and to regard all medical information as strictly confidential. No personal health information will be released without the signed written consent of the respective personnel.

This policy was adopted at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners on May 4, 1995.

BY:


Edwin L. Etschman, Chairman

Attest:


James A. Spratt, Secretary

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Grenloch Fire Company
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