

Yamhill Fire Protection District

District Policies, Procedures, & SOG's

MISSION

*Yamhill Fire Protection District is dedicated to
serve and protect our community*

District Policies

OPERATIONS

OPS – 412

Blood Borne Pathogens Exposure Control

Issued: January 11, 2005

Revised: December 9, 2014

Background

Employees of the District provide services to citizens, which may require employees to come into contact with bodily fluids, such as blood or other potentially infectious materials. This can occur as a regular part of the duties of emergency responders, firefighters and paramedics. There are a variety of methods by which this exposure may occur. This policy is adopted in an attempt to comply with Federal and State OSHA requirements, including NFPA 1561 and NFPA 1581.

Policy

Exposure to blood borne pathogens may lead to sickness such as hepatitis, AIDS, or malaria. The District wants to assure its employees and volunteers of a safe and healthy work environment. It is the policy of the District to comply with all legal and regulatory obligations for the prevention of exposures to blood borne pathogens. To this end, the District will comply with all sections of the Oregon Administrative Rules, Chapter 437 and all other statutory requirements regarding the prevention of occupational exposures to blood borne pathogens. The District will identify each classification and position the duties of which could lead to exposure, identify the nature of exposure, and insure that equipment, training and appropriate procedures are in place. These shall be grouped as class 1 (all employees could be exposed) and class 2 (some employees could be exposed).