

Fauquier County Department of Fire Rescue

OPERATING PROCEDURE

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Personal Infection Control Kit and Eye Protection

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PURPOSE

To establish a department position on enhanced safety precautions for personnel and to minimize opportunity for exposure to everyday hazards.

SCOPE

Applies to all personnel operating with the Fauquier County Department of Fire, Rescue and Emergency Management.

I. PERSONAL ISOLATION CONTROL KIT (PIC-Kit)

- A. Eye protection and exam gloves shall be worn by all personnel on all emergency medical services (EMS) incidents. In addition, a fully stocked PIC-Kit shall be carried so barrier protective devices are always available to minimize the risk of body fluid and airborne pathogen exposures to the individual provider.
- B. PIC-Kits shall contain the following items:
 - 1. Antiseptic Hand Cleaner
 - 2. Nitrel Gloves (to be added by personnel once PIC-Kit is issued)
 - 3. Protective Eyewear and Lanyard
 - 4. Bag/Mask Device
 - 5. Isolation Gown
 - 6. N95 Mask
 - 7. Trauma Sheers
 - 8. Pen Light
 - 9. Sun Screen Wipes
 - 10. Hearing Protection
- C. PIC-Kits should be carried for all EMS incident patient care encounters by all personnel assigned to the incident regardless of their actions toward patient care.
- D. A PIC-Kit can be ordered in its entirety or by individual item through the Department online store. <http://fcfra.camp9.org/DFREM-Store>.

Desire to Serve

Ability to Perform

Courage to Act

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II. EYE PROTECTION

- A. The potential for projectile injury and splash exposure is a very real threat to personnel. The benefit of eye protection is only realized if it is worn proactively: before a splash or injury event occurs. The most cautious and comprehensive position to avoid injury and exposure is to require eye protection to be worn for all events where there is even slight potential for this to happen.
- B. Eye protection shall be worn for all EMS incident patient care encounters by all personnel assigned to the incident regardless of their actions toward patient care. Eye protection shall also be worn for all events, whether incident, training, or equipment check where striking an object could produce a projectile fragment of any size. They will also be worn while using power tools of any type; by all personnel during vehicle extrications; all instances where dust or caustic fluids could drop or be directed towards the eyes; while cleaning, disinfecting and maintaining equipment; and during blood and body fluid wash downs.
- C. Eye protection will be included in all PIC-Kits and can be ordered individually through the Department online store.
- D. Eye protection issued by the Department is not a onetime use disposable item, and shall be cleaned and disinfected as needed to provide safe handling and use. Best practices for maintenance cleaning are using soap and water to remove dirt and contaminants, which also reduces the likelihood of the lenses fogging, followed by soft application of a paper towel to dry. Chemical disinfectant wipes should not be used as they leave a residue that increases the likelihood of lens fogging. Non-disposable eye protection requires responsible carriage in order to limit damage that will require replacement.
- E. For personnel requiring prescription eye protection, the Department will offer a prescription safety protection frame and lens. All prescriptions, to include pupillary distance, should be submitted to the Battalion Chief with the program responsibilities of health and safety for orders to be placed.
- F. Should personnel prefer to purchase their own prescription eye protection, the department will offer a reimbursement up to the cost of the department issued eyewear described in II. E., currently valued at \$140.00, towards the cost of the eye wear. Requests for reimbursement shall be approved by the Battalion Chief with the program responsibilities of health and safety prior to placing an order. Personal choice prescription safety eyewear must meet ANSI Z87.1 impact rating for both

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lenses and the frame, and conform to OSHA’s requirement to provide reasonable splash protection features for the anticipated conditions of use. Your prescription provider should be consulted for direction to products suitable to your prescription as many products have limitations to milling based on the design of the product. Design features will need to provide splash and impact protection from the side, as well as front facing hazards, be appropriate aesthetically to the Department uniform complement, and practical in application to all forms of work. Clear lenses are prerequisite for indoor patient care unless you have a prescription need for tinted lenses. Personal choice of a product must be approved by the Battalion Chief with the program responsibilities of health and safety prior to purchase.

- G. Nonprescription eye protection with “reader” options may be provided by the department upon request.