

Operating Guidelines

Section: Human Resources

Subject: Hepatitis B Immunization

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Purpose

Immunization against Hepatitis “B” is considered by health professionals to be extremely important for those working in the area of emergency care. For this reason, the Town has a Hepatitis “B” vaccination program, completely paid for by the Municipality, for all Firefighters.

Procedure

309.1

Immunization is delivered in a series of three (3) injections given one month after the first injection, then again six (6) months after the first injection. According to new information from the Department of Health, immunization against Hepatitis “B” is thought to be sufficient to last a lifetime. Therefore, boosters are not required.

309.2

Vaccine will be ordered and paid for by the Town. Immunization will be administered at the Public Health Unit.

309.3

Upon successful completion of the Immunization Program the firefighter will be reimbursed for costs associated. Firefighters are reminded to retain receipts for repayment.