



**Butte County Fire Department
POLICIES & PROCEDURES**

Training

MINOR SUBJECT: Communicable Disease
SPECIFIC SUBJECT - Communicable Disease Training
Mandatory Annual Recertification Training

No.
Date: September 21, 2009

POLICY:

All career and volunteer first responders are required to complete Communicable Disease training annually.

PROCEDURE:

PURPOSE:

Required by statute and CAL FIRE policy (California Labor Code 6401.7 and CAL FIRE Handbook 1852.1) each CAL FIRE unit is responsible for primary and continuing basic infectious disease training of all personnel who are required to perform tasks which involve possible exposure to infectious diseases. All emergency response personnel who provide emergency medical treatment or who are otherwise exposed to blood or other potentially infectious material (OPIM) must receive basic infectious disease training at the time of hire or initial assignment to tasks where occupational exposure may occur, and annually thereafter.

PROCEDURE:

Attached to this document is the new communicable disease refresher DVD. As of the above date, there are only two options for the Butte Unit career and volunteer employees to recertify their communicable disease training.

- ✓ Attend a CAL FIRE instructor based communicable disease refresher class.
- ✓ Watch the provided communicable disease refresher DVD and follow the below process for certification.

To recertify using the new communicable disease DVD, students must do the following:

- ✓ Watch the provided communicable disease DVD.
- ✓ Take the written communicable disease test.
- ✓ Return the completed written test to the Training and Safety Bureau for grading.
- ✓ If the student passes the written exam, the Training and Safety Bureau will issue the students a communicable disease certificate worth 2 CE's.

Career Staff:

CAL FIRE policy 1852.1.1 requires a refresher course in basic occupational infectious disease to be repeated annually.

Volunteer Staff:

Volunteer Standard Operating Procedures (5.27 Mandatory Re-certification and Refresher Training) requires volunteer firefighters to attend a 2 hour communicable disease class annually.

DOCUMENTATION

Training records shall be maintained according to CAL FIRE policy and include an Employee Training Sign-up Sheet (IIPP-6) and/or Train Tracker.