



BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF NEWTOWN

May 18, 2020 at 7:00 pm
Google Web Meeting

Meeting Opened By: Pat Reilly, Chairman at 7:00 pm

Commissioners Present: Patrick Reilly, Tim Whelan, Jay Nezvesky, Ron Bolmer, Bob Kick and Jeff Dugan

Marshals Present: Rich Frampton, Steve Murphy and Jamilynn Zapata

Chiefs Present: Chris Ward, Paul Basso, Steve Murphy, Bill Halstead

Chairman's Comments: I appreciate the Chiefs and their departments for responding to medical and lift assists during the Covid19 pandemic. All the firefighters should be commended for their sense of duty to protect the town of Newtown.

Approval of Minutes: February 24, 2020

Motion Made: Jay Nezvesky

Seconded By: Jeff Dugan

Passed unanimously

Correspondence: From Bill Halstead, EMD- Suggested recommendations for FD to respond to medical calls and supplies.

Aquarion: Asking all Fire Dept.'s to report water usage at fire scenes.

Public Participation: Jeff Dugan requested Hawleyville Air Pack request be added to New Business.

Pat Reilly- NH&L requested to add 2 seats Eng. 1 to Old Business.

Marshal's Report: See attached reports By FM Frampton

Marshal's Remarks: FM Frampton highlighted the activities of the last several months, April having fires equaling over \$700,000. in fire damage. (Feb, March & April). To see actual reports see attached.

Purchasing Agent: Steve noted that the bills have been being paid as they come in- everything is up to date. The "Repairs and Maintenance" and "Fire Equipment" accounts were both in need to have transfers made to them as we are getting to the end of the Fiscal year and they have been depleted. The other accounts are still working in the positive and our budget will be OK.

Combined Chiefs: Nothing to report

Radio Sub-committee- Bill reported the Selectman approved the \$2.5 million for the radio project- this should include Dispatch at new location, towers, cables, antennas on the present towers. The additional (\$5 million) will be voted on at the next election in November.

FEMA sent- 2.1 million to the town (May 2018 Storm), which the Selectman will try to allocate approx. 126,000.00 to the Turnout Gear/ Air Pack account. It needs to go through the finance board and the council. So that will be added to the balance that is already there. This gives the departments time to plan.

No firefighters have been sick due to the COVID 19 , a couple ambulance crew and a paramedic are having some issues.

Emergency Management- Bill reported that he received 2 gallons of hand sanitizer for each department and new State Radios-(8 CALL 90) that will be distributed to each Dept.

He also is anticipating the arrival of Med. Gowns this week and will distribute as needed since these are the hardest to get, the supply will be kept at the EOC, if needed call to make arrangements for pick up.

FM Frampton reported that he had a conversation with Paul Davis & JP McGuire and they are equipped to do sanitizing of Fire House and Apparatus.

Reports from Standing Committees:

Policy and Procedures: Bob went over the following three items

1. Adding the Charter to the boards policy
2. Infectious Disease Policy
3. SOP- SCBA

Please see attached and review for and possible vote at the next meeting.

Radio & Hydrant Committee: Ron reported nothing additional on the radios

Hydrants- He is still looking for repair companies for the 3 leaking tanks- will meet with Conrad Richards for his quote. Other company quoted \$5,420 each just for inspection.

Jordan Hill dry hydrant- debris issue in water- DPW unable to reach- will have Jon Bond take a look.

Dry Hydrant on Hanover- corrosion- invasive zebra mussel?- Will have Mike McCarthy take a look for corrective action.

Truck Committee –Tim has had Tracey start servicing of apparatus including oil changes.

441 had a pumping issue- valve sticking

Budget Committee- Budget was approved with the suggested cuts from the selectman- Nothing major- budget is \$1,432,000.00.

Steve will send Jay current account balances.

NUSAR- No Report

Old Business- Tim reported that the Hawleyville Tanker Pre-construct meeting went well (Tim, Ron, Paul and Don attended) Pump Panel- truck 33+ feet, on target with price, build time is 410 days.

Engine 1 – NH&L wants to move forward with the install of 2 seats that has been discussed the past few meetings. They are still waiting on clarification on pricing from Firematic- They have not responded to emails and phone calls.

Tracy's quoted a price of \$4708.00; Tim will get a quote on installation as well or the town can do install. Tim made a motion- to move forward with aftermarket seats at \$4,708.72 plus installation not to exceed \$1,000.00.

Jeff 2nd.

Passed unanimously

Tim also mentioned that Sandy Hook had a failed 2 ½ " nozzle and cutter blade for Hurst tool that needs replacing if there is any funds available, will get a quote.

New Business – Botsford is requesting 7 sets of FF gear.

A motion was made by Jay Nezvesky- to purchase 7 sets of fire gear for the Botsford Fire Department from the Non-Recurring Capital account. Money for 2 sets of gear are from two budget cycles ago, in which money was allocated for the gear but was reallocated to cover unexpected expenses related to the Micro-Burst in May of 2018. Additionally, Botsford has five new members recently. A review of the gear inventory will show that Botsford has about 31 sets of gear that are expiring or have expired NFPA standards.

2nd by Jeff Dugan

Paul Basso reported that Hawleyville is looking to replace 6 air packs.

3 are out of service from last year

and 3 are out of service from this year

and 2 more on the tanker-

2 are spares.

Paul will get a quote and send a written request for next meeting for discussion and possible vote.

Pat expressed concern that Engine 1 is being used to pump out water at Plymouth Hall-

Tim Whelan explained that vandals destroyed the sump pump and the tunnels filled with water and backed up into the basement (2 feet of water) making for a serious situation since there is electric in there. Tim is working on installing new sump pumps. It isn't a common situation and it was a time sensitive situation.

A motion was made to adjourn

By: Jay Nezvesky

Seconded by: Bob Kick

Passed unanimously


There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:05PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy Schreiner, BOFC Clerk

FIRE MARSHAL'S COMBINED MONTHLY TIME SUMMARY

CODE	CATEGORY	INCIDENTS	HOURS
A	FIRE CALLS	3	
B	FIRE INVESTIGATION	0	
C	FOLLOW UP INVEST.	0	
D	BUILDING & SITE		
	1. Building Inspections	61	
	2. Site Inspections	15	
	3. C.O. Inspections	2	
	4. Suppression & Dry Hyd	0	
	5. Tank Removals	3	
	6. Burn Permits	3	
E	FOLLOW UP INSPECTIONS	2	
F	OFFICE	225	
G	COURT APPEARANCE	0	
H	PLAN REVIEWS	8	
I	TRAINING	2	
J	PURCHASING	46	
O	OTHER-Rich	9	
O	OTHER-Steve	2	
O	OTHER- Dave	0	
O	OTHER-Jamilynn	1	
	TOTAL	382	330.5
Rich	Deposits (2)		
	Fire Pump- 3 Primrose St. 4-times		
	Market Place Blocked egress		
	Knox Box KeysChurch Hill Village,		
	Knox Box Keys St. Rose		
Steve	Fire Drills- CAC		
Dave			
Jami	14 West St. Fire Prevention- Womens group Talk on Fire Safety		
February 2020 Reporting Month			
		Marshal's Signature	


TYPE OF CALL	HOW MANY	TYPE/DATE	DESCRIPTION	\$ LOSS	~
ALARMS	17	STRUCTURE			
ANIMAL RESCUE (ICE RESCUE)	0				
ELECTRICAL WIRES/ TREES ON WIRES	9				
BRUSH	1				
CONTROLLED/ILLEGAL BURNING	1	VEHICLE			
C.O. DETECTOR	4	2/8/2020	vehicle brake fire		
FALSE CALLS	0				
HAZ-MAT	4				
MUTUAL AID	0				
STRUCTURES	0				
RESCUE	0	APPLIANCE			
EMS/MEDICAL	10				
SERVICE/GOOD INTENT	0				
SMOKE/ODOR SCARE	9				
VEHICLES	1	OTHER			
EXTRICATION	1	2/5/2020	143 Louis Hill Rd. Car in house		
MVA	11	2/13/2020	100 wasserman Way- car into swamp		
WATER EVACUATION/PUMP OUT	0				
CHIMNEY	0				
OTHER-(lighting strike)	2				
PUBLIC SERVICE	3				
APPLIANCE	0				
TOTAL	73	TOTAL			
		FIRE COMPANY RESPONSE TOTALS		MONTH	YTD
		5130	NEWTOWN HOOK & LADDER	23	64
		5131	BOTSFORD FIRE RESCUE	17	46
		5132	DODGINGTOWN FIRE	5	15
		5133	HAWLEYVILLE FIRE	11	34
		5134	SANDY HOOK VOL. FIRE & RESCUE	33	76
			TOTALS	89	235

Fire Company's Calls 73

The Fire Marshals had 382 incidents and 330.5 Hours worked.

Permits: 2 blasting \$120.00, 3 tanks \$60.00, 6 burn\$30.00, 1 reports \$5.00 Total \$215.00

FIRE MARSHAL'S COMBINED MONTHLY TIME SUMMARY

CODE	CATEGORY	INCIDENTS	HOURS
A	FIRE CALLS	8	
B	FIRE INVESTIGATION	4	
C	FOLLOW UP INVEST.	0	
D	BUILDING & SITE		
	1. Building Inspections	7	
	2. Site Inspections	21	
	3. C.O. Inspections	2	
	4. Suppression & Dry Hyd	0	
	5. Tank Removals	1	
	6. Burn Permits	10	
E	FOLLOW UP INSPECTIONS	2	
F	OFFICE	214	
G	COURT APPEARANCE	0	
H	PLAN REVIEWS	12	
I	TRAINING	3	
J	PURCHASING	42	
O	OTHER-Rich	11	
O	OTHER-Steve	1	
O	OTHER- Dave	0	
O	OTHER-Jamillynn	0	
	TOTAL	338	354
Rich	Deposits (2)		
	Fire Pump- 3 Primrose St. 4-times		
	INVESTIGATION- 63 FARRELL RD		
	ILLEGAL BURN		
	Knox Box Keys (2)		
	Pick Up Sulplies from Medical Warehosue		
Steve	Add Hydrant Location		
Dave			
Jami			
March 2020 Reporting Month			
			Marshal's Signature


TYPE OF CALL	HOW MANY	TYPE/DATE	DESCRIPTION	\$ LOSS	~
ALARMS	26	STRUCTURE			
ANIMAL RESCUE (ICE RESCUE)	0				
ELECTRICAL WIRES/ TREES ON WIRES	2				
BRUSH	4				
CONTROLLED/ILLEGAL BURNING	10	VEHICLE			
C.O. DETECTOR	3				
FALSE CALLS	0				
HAZ-MAT	3				
MUTUAL AID	1				
STRUCTURES	0				
RESCUE	0	APPLIANCE			
EMS/MEDICAL	19	3/23/2020 14 Old Purdy Station	Dryer		
SERVICE/GOOD INTENT	0				
SMOKE/ODOR SCARE	9				
VEHICLES	0	OTHER			
EXTRICATION	0	3/18/2020 3 Main St-	ventilate Sallyport		
MVA	8	3/20/20/	5 Main St- Remove gate under car		
WATER EVACUATION/PUMP OUT	0				
CHIMNEY	0				
OTHER-(lighting strike)	2				
PUBLIC SERVICE	5				
APPLIANCE	1				
TOTAL	93		TOTAL		
			FIRE COMPANY RESPONSE TOTALS		
		5130	NEWTOWN HOOK & LADDER	40	104
		5131	BOTSFORD FIRE RESCUE	24	70
		5132	DODGINGTOWN FIRE	14	29
		5133	HAWLEYVILLE FIRE	18	52
		5134	SANDY HOOK VOL. FIRE & RESCUE	32	108
			TOTALS	128	363

Fire Company's Calls 93

The Fire Marshals had 382 incidents and 330.5 Hours worked.

Permits: 2 blasting \$120.00, 2 tanks \$40.00, 12 burn \$60.00, 0 reports \$.00 Total \$220.00

FIRE MARSHAL'S COMBINED MONTHLY TIME SUMMARY

CODE	CATEGORY	INCIDENTS	HOURS
A	FIRE CALLS	3	
B	FIRE INVESTIGATION	10	
C	FOLLOW UP INVEST.	7	
D	BUILDING & SITE		
	1. Building Inspections		
	2. Site Inspections	9	
	3. C.O. Inspections	1	
	4. Suppression & Dry Hyd	1	
	5. Tank Removals	1	
	6. Burn Permits		
E	FOLLOW UP INSPECTIONS		
F	OFFICE	203	
G	COURT APPEARANCE	0	
H	PLAN REVIEWS	15	
I	TRAINING		
J	PURCHASING	25	
O	OTHER-Rich	2	
O	OTHER-Steve	3	
O	OTHER- Dave		
O	OTHER-Jamillynn		
	TOTAL	280	324.5
Rich	Deposits (1)		
	Complaint- Big Y		
Steve	Fire Safety Handouts at NHS & NMS		
	Knox Box Keys- Bld 400		
Dave			
Jami			
APRIL 2020 Reporting Month			
			
	_____ Marshal's Signature		

TYPE OF CALL	HOW MANY	TYPE/DATE	DESCRIPTION	\$ LOSS	~
ALARMS	20	STRUCTURE			
ANIMAL RESCUE (ICE RESCUE)	0	4/12/2020	191 Brushy Hill Rd. Frying pan to structure	25,000.00	
ELECTRICAL WIRES/ TREES ON WIRES	21	4/13/2020	9 Lincoln Rd.- generator to structure	2,500.00	
BRUSH	5	4/16/2020	3 Valley Field Rd. N- cabinet to structure-	3,000.00	
CONTROLLED/ILLEGAL BURNING	2	4/22/2020	122 Riverside Rd.- Structure-	300,000.00	
C.O. DETECTOR	4		118 Riverside-	25,000.00	
FALSE CALLS	0	4/24/2020	1 Vinning Rd.	300,000	
HAZ-MAT	2				
MUTUAL AID	4	Vehicle			
STRUCTURES	5	4/24/2020	144 Mt. Pleasant Rd.- Machine	60,000.00	
RESCUE	0	APPLIANCE			
EMS/MEDICAL	10				
SERVICE/GOOD INTENT	0				
SMOKE/ODOR SCARE	8				
VEHICLES	1	OTHER			
EXTRICATION	0				
MVA	2				
WATER EVACUATION/PUMP OUT	1		TOTAL	715,500.00	
CHIMNEY	0				
OTHER-(lighting strike)	0				
PUBLIC SERVICE	18				
APPLIANCE	0				
TOTAL	103				
			FIRE COMPANY RESPONSE TOTALS	MONTH	YTD
		5130	NEWTOWN HOOK & LADDER	44	148
		5131	BOTSFORD FIRE RESCUE	22	92
		5132	DODGINGTOWN FIRE	10	39
		5133	HAWLEYVILLE FIRE	23	75
		5134	SANDY HOOK VOL. FIRE & RESCUE	47	155
			TOTALS	146	509

Fire Company's Calls 103

The Fire Marshals had 280 incidents and 324.50 Hours worked.

Permits: 1 blasting \$60.00, 0 tanks \$0.00, 0 burn\$00.00, 0 reports \$.00 Total \$60.00

[Adopted 9-8-1942 (Res. No. 2); amended 6-8-1951]

§ 428-1 Department established; purpose.

[Amended 8-22-2007 by Ord. No. 90]

In accordance with the provisions of C.G.S. § 7-301, there is hereby established within and for the Town of Newtown a fire department, to be known and designated as the "Newtown Fire Department," for the purpose of protecting life and property within the Town of Newtown from fires and other emergencies.

§ 428-2 Board of Fire Commissioners.

[Amended 8-22-2007 by Ord. No. 90]

The operation, supervision and management of the Newtown Fire Department shall be vested in a Board of Fire Commissioners, consisting of seven members serving without pay, whose terms of office shall be for three years, running from the date of the Annual Town Meeting to the Annual Town Meeting three years hence, or until their successors are appointed. Each of the local volunteer fire companies shall appoint one member of this Board, and the Commissioners so chosen shall appoint the additional Commissioner or Commissioners necessary to constitute a full membership of seven; said additional Commissioner or Commissioners shall not belong to any local volunteer fire company. Should any of the local volunteer fire companies fail or neglect to appoint such a member, then and in that event the vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the other Commissioners not later than 30 days from the date of such Annual Town Meeting, and said Commissioner so appointed shall not be a member of any local volunteer fire company.

§ 428-3 Rules and regulations; enforcement.

[Amended 8-22-2007 by Ord. No. 90]

Said Board of Fire Commissioners shall establish rules and regulations governing the operation and management of the Newtown Fire Department; shall prescribe uniform conditions for admission of volunteer fire companies as members of the Newtown Fire Department; shall authorize and direct the disbursement of all funds appropriated by the Town of Newtown for the Newtown Fire Department; and shall annually draw up a budget covering the anticipated expenses of said Fire Department for the ensuing year, and present such budget to the Board of Selectmen not later than February 1 in each year. The Board of Fire Commissioners shall appoint a Fire Marshal and Deputy Fire Marshal with executive powers to carry out the policies of the Board.

§ 428-4 Operating expenses.

All operating expenses of the Newtown Fire Department created by this article shall be met and paid for by the Town of Newtown, out of funds appropriated for that purpose.

§ 428-5 Funding.

For the year beginning with the next Annual Town Meeting, the funds at the disposal of the Board of Fire Commissioners shall be the sum voted by the Annual Town Meeting.



NEWTOWN BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

INFECTIOUS DISEASE GUIDELINES JULY 2019

The infectious Disease Committee, in cooperation with appropriate committees (Board of Fire Commissioners, Joint Chiefs of all five (5) fire companies, has developed procedures and educated all fire personnel in how to monitor said procedures and to report any violations of policy to approved governing body. Records are kept with each house volunteers are assigned to.

The Exposure Control Plan will be reviews & updated at least annually and whenever necessary to reflect new or modified procedures, the infectious Disease Committee will be responsible for the review and advise appropriate committees of needed changes. Personnel will be notified of any changes and appropriately trained.

There will be a yearly training meeting for all fire personnel to review the above. All personnel will be promptly updated& trained for any changes in that said year.

Each of the five fire services will be responsible for training & vaccinations of new members before any occupational exposure to infectious diseases.

(All administrative or honorary members are not at risk.)

Combined Fire Service
Exposure Control Plan for Bloodborne and Airborne Pathogens

The purpose of this plan is to identify and clarify for each fire personnel, the steps that have been taken and the procedures that will be followed to reduce or eliminate the potential for exposure to infectious diseases. Each personnel will receive training at least annually about the information contained in this plan. In turn each fire personnel will be expected to follow the procedures outlines and use the equipment provided. Any questions should be referred to the Infectious Control Officer (I.C.O) of your individual company.

WHO IS AT RISK?

All on scene EMT-I, EMT, EMR, Junior Member and first responder are considered at risk for occupational exposure to infectious diseases.

All firefighters functioning as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) or Medical Response Technician (EMR) as a first responder are at risk for exposure to infectious diseases.

All on scene firefighting personnel are at risk for occupational exposure to infectious diseases.

All accessory firefighting personnel are at occasional risk for exposure to infectious diseases but will be considered to have as much risk as on scene firefighters.

Any "Ride Along" is considered at risk for occupational exposure to infectious diseases.

All administrative or honorary members are not at risk for occupational exposures.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (P.P.E.)

The Fire Services of the Town of Newtown will provide the following personal protective equipment at no cost for use by all fire personnel who may be at risk. The selection of PPE depends on the nature of the exposure.

EQUIPMENT:

- Latex free gloves
- Disposable face masks
- Disposable goggles
- Disposable gowns and or coveralls
- Antiseptic hand cleaner
- Full Turn Out gear
- Air Packs
- Hepa filter masks

The following procedures should be followed when coming in to contact with a patient or scene where there is an infectious disease:

Gloves should be worn whenever there is the possibility of coming in contact with the patient's blood, body fluids, mucous membranes, traumatic wounds, or sores. **Double Glove** whenever possible. If a glove is accidentally torn while in use, remove it as soon as possible, wash your hands and replace the glove with a new one. Gloves should be changed when going from one patient to another and from patient care to use of no-patient related equipment **Clean all surfaces that have been touched after patient care.**

A face mask or face shield should be worn to protect against blood splashing into the nose or mouth. Googles should be worn to protect against blood and bodily fluid splashing in to the eyes.

If the patient has sustained heavy bleeding or there is the possibility of heavy bleeding, additional protective clothing such as **gowns, aprons or shoe coverings** should be worn as appropriate.

An approved **TB Mask** (HEPA) Filter Mask is required protective equipment when a question of TB infection is present.

If your clothing gets contaminated with blood or other body fluids during a call, change your clothing ASAP there are scrubs on the ambulance for you to change. Do not remain in your contaminated clothing, various sizes of scrubs and T- shirts are on all Newtown Ambulances.

Fire Gear as it provides a barrier from blood and body fluids it does not replace the need for gloves, masks or gowns.

All fire personnel are required to utilize this equipment in accordance with Universal Precautions. All contaminated personal protective equipment and medical waste should be discarded in the RED BIOHAZARD BAGS carried on the apparatus. The RED BIOHAZARD BAG should then be tied and secured until it can be disposed of in the biomedical waste containers at the destination medical facility. All firefighters should familiarize themselves with the location of the protective equipment prior to the need for use.

Fire personnel are required to attend an annual infection control training program, which will include the following topics:

- A review of this plan
- A review of infectious diseases
- A review of post exposure procedures
- Hepatitis B Vaccination information
- Tuberculosis testing information
- Hepa Filter test information
- A review of equipment provided and its use
- Disinfecting procedures and documentations
- Proper Handling of waste
- Documentation to be used for reporting

WORK PRACTICE CONTROLS

Every effort will be made by the Town of Newtown to make the working environment as safe as possible for all fire personnel. Safety and compliance with the information contained in this plan required an ongoing effort by all fire personnel. The most effective method that can be utilized to reduce the risk of potential exposure to fire personnel is the consistent use of the personal protective equipment that is provided, as well as annual education to prevent possible exposure. In any situation where fire personnel are unsure about which personal protective equipment to use, the highest level of protection is recommended.

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as "sterilants" may be used either for sterilization or for high-level disinfection.

You also can use a solution of household bleach diluted in water (Concentration is 1:10) to sterilize equipment before disinfecting. Follow manufactures instructions for disinfecting any equipment. Clean visible blood and fluids out of all cracks and crevices.

Any equipment left at Danbury Hospital will be cleaned and placed in the equipment room. Equipment should not leave Danbury Hospital unless cleaned.

Hand Washing

Immediately after removing soiled gloves, fire personnel should wash their hands. If no traditional hand washing facility is available, then antiseptic hand cleaner found in the vehicles should be used. Hands should be washed again using traditional methods as soon as possible.

Cleaning and Disinfecting Procedure

After a call where blood or body fluids could have been present, before the vehicle is placed back in service. The entire affected and surrounding areas will be cleaned by using a bleach and water solution, (1 part bleach to 10 parts water) or a commercial grade cleaner/disinfectant may also be utilized. All loose fluids shall be wiped up first, and then the cleaner/ disinfectant shall be sprayed on the area and left for no less than ten minutes. (Important to remember, think about all areas that may have become infected, for example, steering wheel, door handles. etc.) All materials used during cleaning up/ disinfecting operations should be discarded properly if any blood or body fluids are present. Regular cleaning materials can be placed in the trash bin if not contaminated with blood or body fluids. During all cleaning/disinfecting procedures, fire personnel are reminded to wear gloves, goggles and any other P.P.E.

Following a TB exposure the ambulance will need to be aired for at least 30 minutes with all doors open.

Disposing of Infectious Waste

Dispose of all needles and other sharp instruments (such as lancets and scalpels) in rigid, puncture-proof containers immediately after you use them. Never recap needles. EMS personnel should only use re-sheathing IV catheters. Keep a rigid, puncture-proof container next to the patient throughout treatment. DO NOT bring the sharps to the disposal; instead, bring the disposal unit to the sharp. On board sharp safes should be secured from becoming airborne in the event of hard breaking or turning in the ambulance. When starting IV's en-route to the hospital, bring the ambulance to a complete stop until the sharp has been disposed of.

Following treatment and transport of patient; gather all disposable equipment that has been soiled by blood or body fluids and place and seal in a hospital or firehouse provided "red" bag labels infectious disease waste. All bags must be disposed of at Danbury Hospital. No contaminated materials should be brought back to the ambulance garage.

Contaminated sheets and pillowcases should be placed in a special laundry bag for cleaning.

Preventing Infection Spread in CPR/Ventilator Assistance

Any Resuscitation equipment and devices known or suspected to be contaminated with airborne or blood borne or infectious disease should be used once and disposed of.

All personnel should not perform mouth to mouth resuscitation, Mouth pipetting, suction of blood or other potentially infectious material is prohibited.

OCCUPATIONAL EXPOSURE INCIDENT

In the event of an occupational exposure to possible infectious diseases you must:

- Report all exposures to the Chief or Incident commander immediately. To retain your rights under the Ryan White law, it must be reported within 24 hours.
- You must contact the Town of Newtown Human Resources the next business day and complete a workers compensation form.

You will:

Get first aid at once to minimize contact time with the potentially infectious material.

- a. Flush eyes with water
- b. Wash exposed skin with soap and water
- c. Rinse mouth/ nose with water.

If you have a needle stick, DO NOT attempt to suck out the wound using a snake bite kit or anything similar. DO NOT make incision to encourage bleeding.

DO allow any wound to bleed freely for a short time, in hopes of flushing out contaminants. However, for most punctures, once it's in there it's in there.

After First Aid:

- a. Go to medical facility as soon as possible for blood testing and possible Hepatitis B vaccinations, TB testing or other physician recommended treatment.
- b. If source patient is known inform the physician in charge of your care of call and source patient.
- c. Be provided any additional follow up medical care and counseling related to the exposure and recommended by a physician at no cost to you.
- d. Be provided a copy of all medical reports and test results to you at no cost to you, within 15 days of their receipt by the Town of Newtown.
- e. Fill out workers compensation paperwork with Town of Newtown
- f. Fill out an incident report form and submit to you I.C.O (Appendix)

PROCEDURES FOR NONCOMPLIANCE

Failure to follow the Standard Operating Guidelines listed above will result in disciplinary action.

The infectious Disease Committee will monitor personnel for compliance with S.O.G's

Personnel who witness a violation of the S.O.G's should report the incident to their Infectious Disease Control Officer.

Noncompliance must be documented and reported.

The Infectious Disease Committee will meet with personnel to discuss the violation. If a violation has occurred the Infectious Disease Committee will follow the procedures:

- Personnel will be retrained on the procedure in question.

POST-EXPOSURE EVALUATION AND FOLLOW-UP

Should an exposure incident occur, contact your exposure

contact _____ at the following number _____

An immediately available confidential medical evaluation and follow-up will be conducted by:

Monday – Friday (Day)
Dr. Peter Licht
172 Mount Pleasant Rd.
Newtown , Ct. 06470

203-426-8442

Weekends and After Hours:

Danbury Hospital Emergency Room
24 Hospital Ave
Danbury Ct. 06810

Board of Fire Commissioners

Policy on SCBA Compliance

All air packs used by the Newtown Fire Departments SHALL be compliant with this policy.

1. As per NFPA 1852, 2019 edition, section 4.4.1: SCBA that are currently in service SHALL be certified as compliant with at least one of the following standards:

NFPA 1981, editions 2002, 2007, 2013, 2018.

2. As per NFPA 1852, 2019 edition, section 4.4.3: Where currently in-service SCBA do not meet the above, such SCBA shall be retired and disposed of.

It is anticipated that the next edition of NFPA 1852 will become effective in 2024, and will require disposal of 2002 edition SCBA. This policy will need to be updated at that time.