



**OGLETHORPE COUNTY FIRE RESCUE  
STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES/GUIDELINES**

**TITLE: Infectious Exposure Incident Report**

**SECTION/TOPIC: Emergency Operations**

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These SOPs/SOGs are based on FEMA guidelines FA-197

**HEPATITIS B VACCINE DECLINATION STATEMENT**

I understand that due to my occupational exposure to blood or other potentially infectious materials I may be at risk of acquiring hepatitis B virus (HBV) infection. I have been given the opportunity to be vaccinated with hepatitis B vaccine, at no charge to myself. However, I decline hepatitis B vaccination at this time. I understand that by declining this vaccine, I continue to be at risk of acquiring hepatitis B, a serious disease. If in the future I continue to have occupational exposure to blood or other potentially infectious materials and I want to be vaccinated with hepatitis B vaccine, I can receive the vaccination series at no charge to me.

Member's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

In accordance to Georgia Code § 31-35-3

Any active firefighter, emergency medical technician, or public safety officer who may be exposed to hepatitis B or hepatitis C during a period while the firefighter, emergency medical technician, or public safety officer is engaged in the performance of his or her duties shall at the request of the firefighter, emergency medical technician, or public safety officer be vaccinated for protection against hepatitis B or screened for exposure to hepatitis C. The cost, after the payment by any third-party payor, of such vaccination or screening shall be paid by the county, municipality, or other person or entity employing such firefighter, emergency medical technician, or public safety officer or by the governing authority of the county in the case of a volunteer firefighter.

Taken from: *Bloodborne Pathogens and Acute Care Facilities*. OSHA Publication 3128, (1992).