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PURPOSE:

The increase of bed bugs in residential and commercial settings has necessitated the Cumberland Road Fire Department to create a policy concerning exposures. Bed Bugs are extremely difficult to exterminate once an infestation has occurred; therefore, it has become necessary to mandate training and to take steps necessary in prevention of Bed Bugs.

PROCEDURE:

- General Station Cleaness:

All carpeted area shall be vacuumed daily and the vacuum cleaners canister shall be emptied into an outside trash can and then immediately onto the dumpster. The vacuum cleaners shall be thoroughly cleaned/washed and dried.

In addition to daily duties, EVERY Friday sleeping areas shall be thoroughly cleaned. Thorough clean-up includes, but not limited to: Steaming floors along the base board, trim, walls, cracks and crevices and vacuum floors, (this includes under all beds) bathroom floor shall be swept and moped with disinfectant solution, walls and furniture shall be wiped down with a disinfectant solution. Mattress and box springs can also be steamed.

A weekly inspection of sleeping areas shall be conducted EVERY Friday. This includes visual inspection of mattresses, box springs, walls, ceilings, and floors.

All mattresses and box springs shall have issued impermeable mattress encasements.

If bed bugs are found or suspected, the Shift Captain shall be notified and he/she shall notify the Duty Officer immediately. The Duty Officer shall determine if professional pest control measures need to be taken.

Minimize exposure to the areas.


- Personal Items:

There shall be NO loose linens, gym /overnight bags, clothing stored on floors or on top of lockers. It is recommended that bed linens be stored in personal plastic totes and washed no less than once a week and dried on high heat.

Linens used at Cumberland Road Fire Department, should not be used at other facilities / agencies.

Items found on floor or tops of lockers will be removed to the apparatus bay to be claimed. If not claimed in a timely manner, it will be disposed of.

Clothing, shoes etc. that are suspected of being exposed to bed bugs, shall be properly treated, washed/dried and never returned to the living/sleeping areas. **(Protective Clothing shall never be worn/taken into living, sleeping, kitchen, or office areas).**

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- Incident/Scene Exposure:

When responding to a known or suspected location with bed bugs, all personnel shall don shoe/boot covers with pant legs tucked into the shoe/boot covers. “Tyvek Coveralls” are available for additional protection.

Minimize equipment and personnel exposure to these areas. (Do not place EMS bags on beds or floors during the incident).

If bed bugs are found on any fire department personnel, never enter living/sleeping areas of the fire station.

All clothing shall be removed in the bay area, and placed in dryer on high heat for 45 to 60 minutes. (The department will provide coveralls and socks for personnel to wear while clothing is drying).

A handheld steamer can be used to de-con shoe/boots, EMS bags and apparatus seats.

Personnel shall shower.

Apparatus and medical cases/bags shall be decontaminated, with steamer and insecticide.

- Personnel Home:

If any personnel find they have an infestation at home, they are required to notify a department officer. Personnel will not be allowed to report for duty until they can provide the Fire Chief with documentation that their home infestation has been satisfactorily eliminated.