Bloodborne Pathogen Training
WHY ARE WE HERE?

• OSHA BB Pathogen standard
  – anyone whose job may include exposure to bloodborne pathogens is required to complete training
  – employees who are trained in CPR and first aid
  – employees involved in emergency response

• The more you know, the better you can protect yourself and others if the circumstance presents itself
What is a BB Pathogen?

Microorganism that is carried in the blood that can cause disease in humans
Common BB Pathogen Diseases

- Malaria
- Syphilis
- Hepatitis B (HBV)
- Hepatitis C (HCV)
- Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)
- Tuberculosis (TB)
Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)

• HIV is the virus that leads to AIDS

• HIV depletes the immune system

• HIV does not survive well outside the body

• No threat on contracting HIV through casual contact
Hepatitis B (HBV)

- 1—1.25 million Americans are chronically infected
- Symptoms include: jaundice, fatigue, abdominal pain, loss of appetite, intermittent nausea, vomiting
- May lead to chronic liver disease, liver cancer, and death
- Vaccination available since 1982
- HBV can survive for at least one week in dried blood
- Symptoms can occur 1-9 months after exposure
Hepatitis C (HCV)

- Hepatitis C is the most common chronic bloodborne infection in the United States.
- Symptoms include: jaundice, fatigue, abdominal pain, loss of appetite, intermittent nausea, vomiting.
- May lead to chronic liver disease and death.
Potentially Infectious Body Fluids

- Skin tissue, cell cultures
- Chewing tobacco juice
- Blood
- Saliva
- Vomit
- Urine
- Semen or vaginal secretions
- Any other bodily fluid
Routes of Transmission

• Contact with another person’s blood or bodily fluid that may contain blood

• Mucous membranes: eyes, mouth, nose

• Non-intact skin

• Contaminated sharps/needles
Your Exposure Potential

- Accident and emergency response
- Administering first aid
- Responding to calls (violence, DUI’s, etc.)
- Handling evidence
- Handling of any waste products
Universal Precautions

• Use of proper PPE
• Treat all blood and bodily fluids as if they are contaminated
• Proper cleanup and decontamination
• Disposal of all contaminated material in the proper manner
Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

• Anything that is used to protect a person from exposure

• Latex or Nitrile gloves, goggles, CPR mouth barriers, aprons, respirators
PPE Rules to Remember

• Always check PPE for defects or tears before using
• If PPE becomes torn or defective remove and get new
• Remove PPE before leaving a contaminated area
• Do not reuse disposable equipment
Decontamination

• When cleaning up surfaces use quaternary ammonium compound or a 1:10 bleach solution
• Spray and allow it to stand for ten minutes then wipe up
• Dispose of all wipes in biohazard containers
• PPE should be removed and disposed of in biohazard containers
Hand Washing

- Wash hands immediately after removing PPE
- Use a soft antibacterial soap
- A hand sanitizer can be used but wash with soap and water as soon as possible thereafter
Regulated Medical Waste

• Liquid or semi-liquid blood or other potentially infectious material (OPIM)
• Contaminated items that would release blood or OPIM when compressed
• Contaminated sharps
• Pathological and microbiological waste containing blood or OPIM
Signs & Labels

- Labels must include the universal biohazard symbol, and the term “Biohazard” must be attached to:
  - containers of regulated biohazard waste
  - refrigerators or freezers containing blood or OPIM
  - containers used to store, transport, or ship blood or OPIM
Exposure Incident

• A specific incident of contact with potentially infectious bodily fluid

• If there are no infiltrations of mucous membranes or open skin surfaces, it is not considered an occupational exposure

• Report all accidents involving blood or bodily fluids

• Post-exposure medical evaluations are highly recommended.
Post-exposure Evaluation

• Confidential medical evaluation
• Document route of exposure
• Identify source individual
• Test source individuals blood (with individuals consent)
Hepatitis B Vaccination

• Strongly endorsed by medical communities
• Offered to all potentially exposed employees
• Provided at no cost to employees
• Declination form
Recordkeeping

Training Records include:

- Training dates
- Contents of the training
- Declination form
- Signed acknowledgement that confirms training
BB pathogen guidelines are in place for employee health and safety.

Following the guidelines and using universal precautions will significantly decrease risk of exposure.
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Complete and Verify Your Training

1. If you choose to NOT be vaccinated against Hepatitis B –
   a) Print the **Hepatitis B Declination Form**
   b) Sign and date it
   c) Give it to your supervisor

2. Digitally sign the **Acknowledgement of Training**