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Minimum Standard for Accreditation (MSA)

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Course Title: Infection Control for Emergency Response Personnel: The Supervisor's Role (ICERP)(NFA)

Length of Course: 16 Hours

Lecture/Lab Breakdown: 16/0

Prerequisites: ELIF or member of EMS Organization

Referenced Texts: NFA Instructor Guide & Student Manual for course in question.

Course Goal: The course is designed to motivate and enable supervisors to assure infection control in the work environment by providing the knowledge and skills required to conduct training, monitor compliance, and serve as a role model for positive behaviors and attitudes.

Description of Course: The course stresses protection of the individual and department/station from the full range of communicable diseases spread through occupational exposures. Appropriate target audiences for the course include supervisors from career and volunteer fire service, emergency medical service, and allied professional organizations. Private sector and public sector third service emergency health care providers also will benefit from this instruction. Training is compatible with existing NFPA standards and applicable federal regulations.

Description of Methodology to be used: (Brief) A combination of lecture, guided discussion, and individual activities.

Student Equipment/Supply Needs: Pen/Pencil and Notebook; copy of student manual

Equipment/Audiovisual/Supply requirements: Classroom with adequate seating; chalkboard or flip chart; 1 copy of student manual for each student; VHS VCR with adequate monitors; 35 mm slide projector with adequate screen; AV kit for course in question.

COURSE OUTLINE (General - Not Detailed)

<u>Time</u>	<u>Content</u>	<u>Instructor Notes</u>
1:00	Registration/Course Overview	
2:00	Introduction to Infection Control	
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COURSE OUTLINE continued
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<u>Time</u>	<u>Content</u>	<u>Instructor Notes</u>
1:00	Principles of Disease Transmission	
2:00	Health Maintenance	
1:00	Personal Protective Equipment	
2:00	Incident Operations and Recovery	
2:00	Post-Exposure	
2:00	Station issues	
2:00	Putting It All Together	
1:00	Conclusion/Examination	

Competency Evaluation Mechanism (Brief description-attach copy): 20 question written examination supplied in Instructor's Guide.

Course Objectives (specific): Upon completion of this course the student will be able to:

1. describe general requirements for infection control in emergency response organizations and the supervisor's role in an effective program.
2. evaluate the risk of infection based on mode of disease transmission and other factors.
3. promote and enforce a health evaluation and surveillance system for emergency response personnel within their organization.
4. monitor and enforce the proper use of personal protective equipment (PPE) for infection control.
5. supervise emergency response personnel effectively before, during, and after emergency incidents, ensuring proper application of infection control procedures.
6. implement and enforce effective infection control procedures after exposure to communicable disease.
7. promote and monitor effective infection control behaviors/practices in the station environment.
8. motivate and train other members to practice infection control in the work environment.
9. promote the development, implementation, and evaluation of a sound infection control program within his/her department.

Questions/Comments: Contact the Curriculum Specialist