

# Douro-Dummer Fire Services Policy

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**Section:** Operations

**Subject:** Exposure Reporting

**Purpose:** Firefighting can expose DDFS personnel to various hazards found at emergency scenes. This policy is to provide guidance to DDFS personnel in the event they have been exposed to chemicals, smoke, toxins, communicable diseases, injuries, and traumatic incidents.

**Scope:** This policy is to be followed by all personnel that may have had an exposure event

## **Policy:**

### **Carcinogens:**

It has been identified that firefighters have a higher risk of cancer because of the hazards they are exposed to while performing their job. Minimizing exposure to carcinogens through proper protective equipment, decontamination procedures, decontamination equipment, education and ventilation systems is crucial and when there has been an exposure whether it is confirmed or suspected. Early reporting is important.

### **Infectious & Blood Borne Disease**

Response to medical or accident events may create risks of exposure to infectious disease or blood borne disease in a variety of ways.

In the event of a DDFS firefighter who may have been exposed to a medical related exposure, they will contact the Designated Officer (Deputy Chief) to report the exposure so supports can be initiated.

Information for any exposure should include:

1-the type of incident and the potential exposure (needle stick, blood, saliva, smoke, etc)

2-personal protective equipment worn or used

3-hazardous agent(s) potentially exposed to.

4-Date and time of exposure, and any other details that the firefighter can provide.

Reference Documents:

WSIB **Workers Exposure Incident Form** (form 3958A).

WSIB Operational Policy Doc # 23-02-01 Presumptive legislation.

PRHC Designated Officer Program. [CD-Reporting-Form-fillable.pdf](#)