

**Procedure  
4.15**

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## **Contaminated Vehicles**

### **4.15.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE**

Refer also to *Policy 1005 – Exposure Control* for procedures relating to blood borne and airborne pathogens, and to *Procedure 12.11 – Contaminated Uniforms and Equipment* for procedures related to contaminated uniforms and equipment.

PART I - Responsibilities and Procedures for all Personnel

- a. Department vehicles
- b. Non-department vehicles

### **4.15.2 RESPONSIBILITIES AND PROCEDURES FOR ALL PERSONNEL**

#### **a. Department vehicles**

1. *Substantial contamination:* If the vehicle has substantial contamination from blood or other body fluids:
  - a. Take the vehicle out of service.
  - b. Place bio-hazard stickers on the windows of the vehicle so they are clearly visible to anyone approaching the vehicle.
  - c. Place a note with the keys indicating the bio-hazard, and request that the vehicle be decontaminated.
2. *Minor contamination.* If the contamination in or on the involved vehicle is minor (e.g., a small spot of blood), you may remove it without risk of personal contamination by following these procedures:
  - a. Wearing protective gloves and eye protection, clean it with a 1:10 solution of bleach and water (1 part bleach, 10 parts water), or soap and

water or its equivalent.

- b. Allow the cleaned area to dry.
- c. Once the vehicle is decontaminated, there is no need to apply bio-hazard stickers to it.

b. Non-department vehicles

When you are at any incident scene involving a motor vehicle having substantial blood or other body fluids in or on it, take precautionary measures:

1. If you are going to be working with the vehicle, wear appropriate protective clothing (e.g., gloves, eye protection).
2. Apply bio-hazard stickers (located in the trunk of each patrol vehicle) to the exterior of the vehicle in plain view on all sides. Assure the stickers are not placed in a location that might obstruct the gathering of evidence.
3. There are no special reporting requirements if you apply these stickers to the vehicle.