**12.10.02 SANITATION, DISINFECTION, CLEANING, AND STORAGE AREAS**

**1.0 REFERENCE**

WAC 296-305-06505

**2.0 POLICY**

**2.1** Fire departments shall provide facilities for disinfecting, cleaning, and storage.

**2.2** A designated cleaning area shall be provided for under the fire department's exposure control plan for the cleaning and disinfecting of protective equipment, portable equipment, and other clothing.

(a) Fire departments that engage in emergency medical operations shall provide or have access to disinfecting facilities for the cleaning and disinfecting of emergency medical equipment.

(b) Disinfecting shall not be conducted in fire station kitchen, living, sleeping, or personal hygiene areas.

(c) Disinfecting facilities in fire stations shall be vented to the outside environment, and designed to prevent contamination of other fire station areas.

(d) The disinfecting facility shall contain a sink with hot and cold water faucets. All surfaces shall be nonporous surfaces.

(e) Handwashing facilities shall be readily accessible to members. Handwashing facility means a facility providing an adequate supply of running potable water, soap and single use towels or hot air drying machines. When provision of handwashing facilities is not feasible, the employer shall provide either an appropriate antiseptic hand cleaner in conjunction with clean cloth/paper towelettes or antiseptic towelettes.

**2.3** Protective clothing or equipment that is contaminated or potentially contaminated shall not be allowed in any kitchen, living, sleeping, personal hygiene or other nonwork area.

**2.4** The designated cleaning area shall be physically separate from areas used for food preparation, cleaning of food and cooking utensils, personal hygiene, sleeping, and living areas.

**2.5** Drying areas for protective clothing shall be well ventilated.

**2.6**  Storage areas: Emergency medical supplies and equipment stored in fire stations, other than that stored on vehicles, shall be stored in a dedicated enclosure and maintained per manufacturer's instructions.

**2.7** Reusable emergency medical supplies and equipment, protective clothing, and protective equipment shall not be stored in kitchen, living, sleeping, or personal hygiene areas, nor shall it be stored in personal clothing lockers.

**3.0 DEFINITIONS**

N/A

**4.0 RESPONSIBILITY**

**4.1** VARIABLE shall be responsible for ensuring that the department policy on sanitation, disinfection, cleaning, and storage areas is followed

**5.0 GUIDELINES**

N/A

**6.0 ADDITIONAL REFERENCES**

**7.0 APPENDIX**

N/A