



CUYAHOGA COUNTY BED BUG TASK FORCE

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Problem



- ▣ Many Locations Identified
- ▣ Many More Not Identified
- ▣ Financial Cost to the City
- ▣ Financial Cost to the Member
- ▣ Psychological Impacts



Preventive Measures



- ▣ Official Department Policy:
 - Recognition that Any Building Can be Contaminated
 - Daily Apparatus Inspection by Driver
 - Daily Living and Sleeping Quarters Inspection by All Members of the Station During Housework
 - Education on Signs of Bed Bug Infestation or Presence



Personal Hygiene



- ▣ Uniforms are Washed Separately in Hot Water and on High Heat
- ▣ Advocating Long Hot Showers
- ▣ Inspecting Personal Vehicle
- ▣ Inspecting Personal Gear and Clothing
- ▣ Awareness



Control Procedures

- ▣ First Responders and Transport Units
- ▣ Turnout Gear IS NOT TO BE WORN!
- ▣ Don New Personal Protective Suits
 - Full Coverage with Booties
 - Paper Based
 - Low Cost
- ▣ Entry of Two Members – Unless Incident Requires Additional Personnel
- ▣ Do Not Set Equipment Bags on Soft Surfaces



Control Procedures



- ▣ Transporting:
 - When Possible Remove as Much Clothing as Respectfully as Possible
 - No Extra Garments or Personal Items
 - Notification of Receiving Hospital
 - All Linen in Separate Bag on Arrival
 - PPE Disposed of in Garbage Bag and Secured



Post Transport



- Inspect the Apparatus and Equipment
 - If No Evidence of Bed Bugs is Found:
 - Wash Uniforms in Hot Water
 - Clean Apparatus and Equipment
 - Take a Hot Shower



Post Transport



- ▣ If Bed Bugs Are Present:
 - Remain Out of Service
 - Notify the On-Duty Assistant Chief
 - ▣ Remain OOS
 - ▣ Decon
 - ▣ Disposal
 - Remove Uniform Clothing and Secure
 - Immediate Hot Shower
 - Notify EMS for Decon



Summary



- ▣ Identified There is an Issue
- ▣ Education
- ▣ Preventive Measures
- ▣ Detection Activities
- ▣ Personal Hygiene and Responsibility
- ▣ Control Procedures
 - Proper Protection
 - Post-Transport Inspection
 - Exposure Procedures