

**PHOENIX REGIONAL  
STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES**

**TRACKING OF ASYMPTOMATIC BIO- EXPOSURE PATIENTS**

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**POLICY**

It is the policy of the Phoenix Fire Department to provide the best possible care to all patients encountered. It is anticipated that most events involving biological agents will not generate a scene to which personnel could respond. This is the case because biological agents are slow acting and the public health surveillance systems may require days to detect patterns of causalities. It is also possible in a biological incident that victims at the scene may exhibit no symptoms.

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of the bio-exposure information card is to capture information that may be used in epidemiological tracking. A copy of the bio-exposure information card is contained on page 2 of this procedure. The bio-exposure information card when completed will contain the following information:

**Front of card**

Date of incident  
Victim name, address, phone number(s)  
Destination from scene  
Symptomatic/EMS evaluation (Y or N)

**Back of card**

Date of incident  
Probable exposure  
Location of exposure  
Notification of MCDPH\*  
Arrival/Departure airline  
(If airport incident)

**PROCEDURE**

If the medical decision is to allow *asymptomatic* victims to leave the scene or there are victims that are demanding to leave the scene, a bio-exposure card will be completed prior to their departure from the scene. In the event that the scene is at Sky Harbor, the cards will be collected from *all* passengers who arrive on aircraft where (1) there is evidence of or (2) credible reason to suspect exposure has taken place. Completed bio-exposure cards will be forwarded via interoffice mail to EMS/Public Health Programs Manager. Copies of the cards are to be provided to MCDPH\* and Epidemiology Section of the AzDHS\*\*.

**RESPONSIBILITIES**

Bio-exposure information cards are available for use on all apparatus. Reorder of cards through information services via the district offices.

\* MCDPH is Maricopa County Department of Public Health

\*\*AzDHS is Arizona Department of Health Services

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**FRONT OF BIO-EXPOSURE INFORMATION CARD**

PHOENIX FIRE DEPT BIO-EXPOSURE INFORMATION CARD (front)

DATE OF INCIDENT: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

STREET \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE(S) ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

DEPART PHX / SCENE TO \_\_\_\_\_

SYMPTOMATIC YES NO

EMS EVALUATION YES NO

**BACK OF BIO-EXPOSURE INFORMATION CARD**

PHOENIX FIRE DEPT BIO-EXPOSURE INFORMATION CARD (back)

DATE OF INCIDENT \_\_\_\_\_

PROBABLE EXPOSURE \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION \_\_\_\_\_

MARICOPA COUNTY HEALTH NOTIFIED YES NO

HEALTH DEPT CONTACT NAME \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

**IF APPLICABLE:**

ARRIVAL AIRLINE \_\_\_\_\_ FLIGHT # \_\_\_\_\_ TIME \_\_\_\_\_

DEPARTURE AIRLINE \_\_\_\_\_ FLIGHT# \_\_\_\_\_ TIME \_\_\_\_\_