

# WEST PATERSON FIRE DEPARTMENT

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The Ryan White Act is a law passed by the United States Congress, which became effective April 20, 1994 and requires that the Chief of the Fire Department be the Designated Officer (DO) for the recording of any possible exposure to infectious diseases.

Assistant Chief Michael J. Muccio is the designated officer for the West Paterson Fire Department and will complete and maintain all records regarding exposures.

Should an exposure or suspected exposure occur, the firefighter shall contact Assistant Chief Muccio and complete a Emergency Response Employee Reporting Form. Assistant Chief Muccio will complete his section of the form and follow-up with the medical facility to which the patient was transported to.

The following are just some of the infectious diseases to which emergency response employees (Firefighters) can be exposed to:

- Infectious Pulmonary Tuberculosis
- Hepatitis "B"
- HIV/AIDS
- Diphtheria
- Meningococcal Disease (Neisseria Meningitis)
- Plague (Yersinia Pestis)
- Hemorrhagic Fevers
- Rabies