



# EASTERN IDAHO FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

## MAINTAINING A HEALTHY INTERAGENCY RESPONSE DURING COVID-19

As our fire and EMS agencies respond to mutual aid requests, it is imperative our crews maintain a health standard we can all be confident with. The following steps may be helpful in maintaining a state of readiness in the health of our crews.

### Step 1: Before a call

- Evaluate Your Symptom's 2X a Day: Fever 100.4F or higher?; Uncontrolled secretions resulting in sneezing or blowing nose?; Sore throat? Productive or uncontrolled cough? Shortness of breath? Diarrhea? Body aches/pains?
- ANY of these symptom's present, STAY AT HOME—Self Isolate!
- ANY of these symptom's present, consider medical intervention.
- Contact leadership if sick for further actions and precautions.

### Step 2: During a call

- Maintain Social Distancing during FIRE and EMS calls with crews and public
- Minimize responder #s interfacing with patient and in transport compartment
- Practice universal precautions for patient and crew, every call, every time!
- Minimize interactions with other crews
- Depart the scene as soon as possible without tailgate socializing
- Provide advance patient information to receiving facility

### Step 3: After a call

- Decon transport compartment thoroughly. Consider ozone, fogger or similar treatment in addition to surface decontamination.
- Bag and dispose of contaminated PPE immediately
- Minimize crews putting equipment back in service
- Report unprotected exposures
- Continue to self-evaluate (see step 1)

### Step 4: At all times

- Maintain obsessive handwashing, keep hands off face, etc.
- Disinfect station touch point surfaces regularly
- Maintain social distancing in work place
- Maintain good communications and SA with neighboring agency status
- Participate in knowledge sharing through conference calls

**Our Goal:** Safety first so we all maintain the health and safety of our crews and families. We are stronger together than we are individually. Let's work together for a better day!