

New Bedford Fire Department conducting decontamination operation as strategy to stem the spread of COVID-19

“Early this morning members of the New Bedford Fire Department who are hazardous materials technicians conducted a decontamination operation with the goal of disinfecting every City-owned vehicle. They will repeat the exercises tomorrow morning as well.

The process is completed in about 15 minutes for each vehicle and is just one component of the Department and City’s strategy to stem the spread of COVID-19.

Members are operating Victory electrostatic guns using Hyperfect 256 which is used in to disinfect surgical suites between surgeries.

Additional backpacks and other decontamination equipment arrived this week allowing the Department to expand the operation. Prior to today, all public safety facilities and vehicles including police cruisers, fire apparatus, and ambulances were already being decontaminated on a rotating basis.

We would also like to thank the Bristol County Sheriff’s Office and EMA Director Brian Nobrega for providing support, equipment, and personnel to support this operation.”

New Bedford Fire Department photos.

