


 PROVIDENCE POLICE DEPARTMENT
 HEADQUARTERS
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TYPE OF ORDER	NUMBER/SERIES	ISSUE DATE	EFFECTIVE DATE
Memorandum	# 29 of 2007	12-04-07	12-04-07
SUBJECT TITLE		PREVIOUSLY ISSUED DATES	
MRSA Precautions			
REFERENCE		RE-EVALUATION DATE	
SUBJECT AREA		DISTRIBUTION	
		All Personnel	

Recently the State of Rhode Island has reported several cases of the staph-bacteria known as MRSA, the “super-bug”. This bacteria is most often spread by skin on skin contact and is generally believed to be most prominently found in hospital and nursing home facilities. However, in light of the recent outbreak in the State of Rhode Island, the Providence Police Department would like to reiterate and encourage the following safety precautions as determined by the Center for Disease Control and the Providence Police Department’s OSHA compliant, Bloodborne Pathogens Exposure and Control Plan disseminated in 2001:

- Wash hands frequently
- Keep cuts and scrapes clean and covered with a bandage until healed
- When possible, use latex gloves when dealing with prisoners or wounded subjects
- Avoid contact with other people’s wounds or bandages

In the event a member becomes exposed to an individual who is infected with MRSA, he/she shall immediately notify the OIC of his/her respective bureau and complete the appropriate paperwork, to include IOD forms as determined by the OIC.

APPROVED:

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