## **Needle Awareness**

- 1. Why now?
  - a. Finding used needles at alarming rate
  - b. Employee incident
- 2. Identification
  - a. What do they look like?
  - b. Where can they be found?
    - i. Parks
    - ii. Rest rooms
    - iii. Buses
    - iv. Beaches
    - v. Sewers
- 3. Dangers
  - a. Types of infections
    - i. Hep B HBV
    - ii. Hep C HCV
    - iii. HIV
  - b. Who's at risk? (occupational exposure)
    - i. DPW
    - ii. Parks
    - iii. Anyone who collects garbage
    - iv. B&G
    - v. WWTF
    - vi. Transit workers
    - vii. Engineering field workers
    - viii. Law enforcement
    - ix. EMS
    - x. Volunteers
- 4. Actions to date:
  - a. Awareness training, all employees that have occupational exposure plus Adopt a Park groups
    - i. What, where,
    - ii. Handling
    - iii. Transportation
    - iv. Disposal
    - v. Reporting
    - vi. Post exposure directives/expectations
  - b. Inoculations
  - c. Engineering practices
    - i. Proper PPE
    - ii. Use of tools

- iii. Procedures/standard work
- d. Sharps containers
- e. Bulk disposal container
- 5. Next Steps
  - a. ?