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Roy Romer
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EXECUTIVE ORDER

**AUTHORIZING THE COLORADO NATIONAL GUARD
TO ADMINISTER HEPATITIS B VACCINE
TO COLORADO STATE PATROL PERSONNEL**

WHEREAS, occupational exposure to bloodborne pathogens presents a significant risk to law enforcement personnel and emergency responders during the performance of their duties; and

WHEREAS, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration has developed standards for the protection of persons who have risk of occupational exposure to bloodborne pathogens which standards include inoculation against the hepatitis B virus; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado State Patrol has determined to offer protection to its members who have risk of occupational exposure to bloodborne pathogens, specifically the hepatitis B virus; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado State Patrol is purchasing vaccine for its personnel who have risk of occupational exposure to the hepatitis B virus at an approximate cost of \$46,000 which will be obtained from funds generated by the interdiction of illicit narcotics traffic on the highways of the state; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado State Patrol has over 500 personnel who need to be inoculated with the hepatitis B vaccine; and

WHEREAS, the cost of the necessary injections for the vaccination series for Colorado State Patrol personnel is estimated to be an additional \$8,000 to \$8,500 above the cost of the vaccine; and

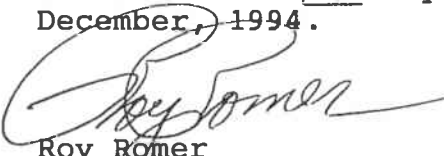
WHEREAS, using National Guard medical units to administer the vaccinations would save the State of Colorado approximately \$7,000 and would provide National Guard personnel with the opportunity for training and maintaining proficiency in these skills.

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NOW THEREFORE, I, Roy Romer, Governor of the State of Colorado, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws and Constitution of Colorado, DO HEREBY ORDER THAT: The National Guard be authorized to assist the Colorado State Patrol in the administering of hepatitis B vaccine to its personnel.



GIVEN under my hand and the
Executive Seal of the State of
Colorado this 13th day of
December, 1994.


Roy Romer
Governor