

DECON AWARENESS LEVEL COURSE

BACKGROUND

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) requires hospitals to provide First Responder Awareness Level training to hospital personnel who may encounter a contaminated patient or be called upon to support the decon process, but are not part of the hospital's Decon Team. This includes emergency department personnel, security, set-up crew, triage staff, clinicians, clerks, and others associated with the decontamination process.

OVERVIEW

Duration: 1/2 day

Class Size: Maximum of 50

Classes available per day: 2

Class Location: Onsite at the client hospital

The Awareness Level course is ideal for introducing the important role your hospital plays in community health services to multiple staff members, local industry officials, and pre-emergency responders. DQE will assist the hospital in qualifying for Continuing Education Unit (CEU) credits and will provide all necessary documentation to certify attendees in accordance with OSHA.

TRAINING TOPICS

This conference-style course covers:

- Hazardous material and contamination recognition, identification, and response
- Emergency Decontamination Operation Plan activation and notification
- Decontamination and personal protective equipment
- Agent identification using various informational resources
- Pertinent regulatory requirements for staff safety and patient decontamination
- Overview of an Emergency Decontamination Operation
- Recognition and isolation of self-referred contaminated victims and proper notification procedures
- Understanding of the hospital's Emergency Decontamination Plan
- Site safety measures and notification protocols