

HICS FOR HEALTHCARE MANAGERS

BACKGROUND

The Incident Command System (ICS) is a standardized, all-hazard incident management tool that enables hospitals and other agencies to organize and manage resources, staff and facilities to remain operational during an emergency and promote the restoration of day-to-day operations.

ICS is a core component of the National Incident Management System (NIMS). NIMS was developed by the Department of Homeland Security to enable medical personnel and responders of all jurisdictional levels, and across all disciplines, to work together more effectively and efficiently during an emergency regardless of its cause, size, location or complexity.

NIMS is the required incident organizational structure for management of all incidents. The Hospital Incident Command System (HICS) is an example of a best practice emergency management program that hospitals can employ to enhance their preparedness and satisfy one of the NIMS readiness objectives.

OVERVIEW

Duration: 8 hours

Class Size: Maximum of 50

Class Location: Onsite at the client hospital

This HICS course, taught by an experienced and credentialed instructor, is for hospital staff that may function in key management roles during emergencies. Held at your facility, lecture, case studies, and a facilitated tabletop exercise educate and inform personnel about the value of ICS to better manage the incident, personnel and resources during a crisis or disaster.

Instruction focuses on key learning objectives established for NIMS and addresses information needed to demonstrate competency and successfully complete FEMA/EMI certification for IS-100HC (Introduction to the Incident Command System for Healthcare), IS-200HC (Applying ICS to Healthcare Organizations), and IS-700.a (NIMS an Introduction).

TRAINING TOPICS

- Appraisal of current issues in healthcare emergency management and how they affect local hospital preparedness efforts
- Discussion of the features and attributes of the HICS and NIMS
- Walk through on how to apply the HICS principles to health care organizations
- Instruction on how to initiate and apply the HICS program at their home facilities
- Discussion on how to expand and contract the HICS hierarchy depending upon the incident
- Facilitated tabletop exercise that provides participants with an opportunity to become familiar with HICS , and demonstrate an understanding and familiarity with the operation of the HICS roles and interactions during a simulated exercise

SUPPORT

HICS for Healthcare Managers includes a subscription to DQE-on-Demand™ HICS internet training to supplement instruction and to serve as a resource for training additional staff.

- Provides IS-100HC, IS-200HC, and IS-700.a curriculums for certification and knowledge reinforcement
- Instructs on topics including emergency management, planning, program implementation, ICS command structure, activation, and decision making
- Includes case studies and examples throughout each animated module to ensure better understanding and enhance confidence