

MEDICAL GASES UNIT LEADER

Mission: Organize and distribute medical gases to requesting clinical care areas.

Position Reports to: Infrastructure Branch Director Command Location: _____		
Position Contact Information: Phone: (_____) - _____ Radio Channel: _____		
Hospital Command Center (HCC): Phone: (_____) - _____ Fax: (_____) - _____		
Position Assigned to:	Date: / /	Start: ____:____ hrs.
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Immediate Response (0 – 2 hours)	Time	Initial
<p>Receive appointment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obtain briefing from the Infrastructure Branch Director on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Size and complexity of incident ○ Expectations of the Incident Commander ○ Incident objectives ○ Involvement of outside agencies, stakeholders, and organizations ○ The situation, incident activities, and any special concerns • Assume the role of Medical Gases Unit Leader • Review this Job Action Sheet • Put on position identification (e.g., position vest) • Notify your usual supervisor of your assignment 		
<p>Assess the operational situation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Determine the status of medical gas systems, available resources and supplies • Provide information to the Infrastructure Branch Director on the status 		
<p>Determine the incident objectives, tactics, and assignments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Document unit objectives, tactics, and assignments on the HICS 204: Assignment List • Based on the incident objectives for the response period consider the issues and priorities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Appoint Medical Gases Unit personnel in collaboration with the Infrastructure Branch Director ○ Determine strategies and how the tactics will be accomplished ○ Determine needed resources • Brief unit personnel on the situation, strategies, and tactics, and designate time for next briefing 		
<p>Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that clinical areas have medical gas resources as needed • Dispatch pre-designated medical gases to casualty care areas • Coordinate activities and inventories with the Logistics Section Supply Unit Leader 		

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Place emergency orders for needed medical gases in coordination with the Logistics Section Supply Unit Leader • Regularly report inventory status of medical gases to the Planning Section Materiel Tracking Manager • Coordinate with the Infrastructure Branch Director to request resources not available from routine vendors or partners • Ensure the security of the medical gas storage areas, coordinating with the Security Branch • Determine staffing needs and place requests with the Infrastructure Branch Director • Provide status updates to the Infrastructure Branch Director regularly to discuss the Incident Action Plan (IAP), advising of accomplishments and issues encountered • Consider development of a unit action plan; submit to the Infrastructure Branch Director if requested • Provide regular updates to unit personnel and inform them of strategy changes as needed 		
<p>Documentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HICS 204: Document assignments and operational period objectives on Assignment List • HICS 213: Document all communications on a General Message Form • HICS 214: Document all key activities, actions, and decisions in an Activity Log on a continual basis • HICS 252: Distribute Section Personnel Time Sheet to section personnel; ensure time is recorded appropriately, and submit it to the Finance/Administration Section Time Unit Leader at the completion of a shift or end of each operational period 		
<p>Resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Determine equipment and supply needs; request from the Logistics Section Supply Unit Leader and report to the Infrastructure Branch Director • Assess issues and needs in unit areas; coordinate resource management 		
<p>Communication</p> <p><i>Hospital to complete: Insert communications technology, instructions for use and protocols for interface with external partners</i></p>		
<p>Safety and security</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that all unit personnel comply with safety procedures and instructions • Ensure personal protective equipment (PPE) is available and utilized appropriately 		

Intermediate Response (2 – 12 hours)	Time	Initial
<p>Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transfer the Medical Gases Unit Leader role, if appropriate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Conduct a transition meeting to brief your replacement on the current situation, response actions, available resources, and the role of external agencies in support of the hospital ○ Address any health, medical, and safety concerns ○ Address political sensitivities, when appropriate ○ Instruct your replacement to complete the appropriate documentation and ensure that appropriate personnel are properly briefed on response issues and objectives (see HICS Forms 203, 204, 214, and 215A) • Monitor medical gases usage and supply • Monitor the security of the medical gas storage in conjunction with the Security Branch 		

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure minimum of a 4 day supply of medical gases is available • Restock casualty care areas as requested, and at least every 8 hours • Meet regularly with the Infrastructure Branch Director for status reports • Advise the Infrastructure Branch Director immediately of any operational issue you are not able to correct • Relay important information and updates to unit personnel 		
Documentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HICS 204: Document assignments and operational period objectives on Assignment List • HICS 213: Document all communications on a General Message Form • HICS 214: Document all key activities, actions, and decisions in an Activity Log on a continual basis 		
Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess issues and needs in unit areas; coordinate resource management • Ensure equipment, supplies, and personal protective equipment (PPE) are replaced as needed 		
Communication <i>Hospital to complete: Insert communications technology, instructions for use and protocols for interface with external partners</i>		
Safety and security <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that all unit personnel comply with safety procedures and instructions • Ensure physical readiness through proper nutrition, water intake, rest, and stress management techniques • Ensure unit personnel health and safety issues are being addressed; report issues to the Safety Officer and the Logistics Section Employee Health and Well-Being Unit • Ensure personal protective equipment (PPE) is available and utilized appropriately 		

Extended Response (greater than 12 hours)	Time	Initial
Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transfer the Medical Gases Unit Leader role, if appropriate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Conduct a transition meeting to brief your replacement on the current situation, response actions, available resources, and the role of external agencies in support of the hospital ○ Address any health, medical, and safety concerns ○ Address political sensitivities, when appropriate ○ Instruct your replacement to complete the appropriate documentation and ensure that appropriate personnel are properly briefed on response issues and objectives (see HICS Forms 203, 204, 214, and 215A) • Provide information to the Logistics and Planning Sections • Provide updates to the Infrastructure Branch Director and unit personnel • Continue to monitor medical gases status and inventory • Continue to monitor the ability of the Medical Gases Unit to meet workload demands, personnel health and safety, resource needs, and documentation practices 		
Documentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HICS 204: Document assignments and operational period objectives on Assignment List • HICS 213: Document all communications on a General Message Form 		

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HICS 214: Document all key activities, actions, and decisions in an Activity Log on a continual basis 		
Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess issues and needs in unit areas; coordinate resource management • Ensure equipment, supplies, and personal protective equipment (PPE) are replaced as needed 		
Communication <i>Hospital to complete: Insert communications technology, instructions for use and protocols for interface with external partners</i>		
Safety and security <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that all unit personnel continue to comply with safety procedures and instructions • Observe all staff and volunteers for signs of stress and inappropriate behavior and report concerns to the Safety Officer and the Logistics Section Employee Health and Well-Being Unit Leader • Provide for staff rest periods and relief • Ensure physical readiness through proper nutrition, water intake, rest, and stress management techniques • Ensure personal protective equipment (PPE) is available and utilized appropriately 		

Demobilization/System Recovery	Time	Initial
Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transfer the Medical Gases Unit Leader role, if appropriate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Conduct a transition meeting to brief your replacement on the current situation, response actions, available resources, and the role of external agencies in support of the hospital ○ Address any health, medical, and safety concerns ○ Address political sensitivities, when appropriate ○ Instruct your replacement to complete the appropriate documentation and ensure that appropriate personnel are properly briefed on response issues and objectives (see HICS Forms 203, 204, 214, and 215A) • Ensure the return, retrieval, and restocking of equipment and supplies • As objectives are met and needs decrease, return unit personnel to their usual jobs and combine or deactivate positions in a phased manner in coordination with the Planning Section Demobilization Unit Leader • Notify the Infrastructure Branch Director when demobilization and restoration is complete • Coordinate reimbursement issues with the Finance/Administration Section • Upon deactivation of your position, brief the Infrastructure Branch Director on current problems, outstanding issues, and follow up requirements • Debrief unit personnel on issues, strengths, areas of improvement, lessons learned, and procedural or equipment changes as needed • Submit comments to the Planning Section Chief for discussion and possible inclusion in an After Action Report and Corrective Action and Improvement Plan. Topics include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Review of pertinent position descriptions and operational checklists ○ Recommendations for procedure changes ○ Accomplishments and issues • Participate in stress management and after action debriefings 		

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Documentation

- HICS 221: Demobilization Check-Out
- Ensure all documentation is submitted to the Planning Section Documentation Unit

Documents and Tools

- HICS 203 - Organization Assignment List
- HICS 204 - Assignment List
- HICS 213 - General Message Form
- HICS 214 - Activity Log
- HICS 215A - Incident Action Plan (IAP) Safety Analysis
- HICS 221 - Demobilization Check-Out
- HICS 252 - Section Personnel Time Sheet
- Hospital Emergency Operations Plan
- Hospital Incident Specific Plans or Annexes
- Utility Failure Incident Response Guide
- Laptop with internet access, as available
- Inventory and vendor supply lists
- Hospital policies and procedures
- Hospital organization chart
- Hospital telephone directory
- Telephone/cell phone/satellite phone/internet/amateur radio/2-way radio for communication