**Mission:** Coordinate the onsite patient decontamination activities related to hazardous materials (HazMat) incident response.

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| Position Reports to: **HazMat Branch Director** Command Location: | | |
| Position Contact Information: Phone: ( ) - Radio Channel: | | |
| Hospital Command Center (HCC): Phone: ( ) - Fax: ( ) - | | |
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| **Immediate Response (0 – 2 hours)** | **Time** | **Initial** |
| **Receive appointment**   * Obtain briefing from the Hazardous Materials (HazMat) Branch Director on: * 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 Victim Decontamination Unit Leader * Review this Job Action Sheet * Put on position identification (e.g., position vest) * Notify your usual supervisor of your assignment |  |  |
| **Assess the operational situation**   * Determine the hazardous agent involved and the type of decontamination required * Provide information to the HazMat Branch Director on the status |  |  |
| **Determine the incident objectives, tactics, and assignments**   * 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: * Appoint Victim Decontamination Unit personnel in collaboration with the HazMat 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 |  |  |
| **Activities**   * Oversee the setup of decontamination areas to perform technical and emergency decontamination for all ambulatory and non-ambulatory patients * Ensure medical monitoring of decontamination team personnel through the Logistics Section Employee Health and Well-Being Unit or other designated personnel * Ensure identification of hazardous agent through signs and symptom recognition, and HazMat team methodology * Ensure needed clinical management information including antidote usage is obtained from reference texts, Poison Control Center, and websites; share information with decontamination team personnel * Ensure timely processing of patients through decontamination per medical treatment and decontamination guidelines * Designate teams as needed and provide for the process of: * Prioritizing order of decontamination * Scanning for radiation * Undressing, valuables collection, and security * Washing and rinsing * Redressing, gowning, and rescanning * Determine rotation time for decontamination team personnel * Collect and secure patient valuables; coordinate with the Security Branch * Ensure appropriate antidote supplies are delivered; coordinate with the Clinical Support Unit and the Logistics Section Supply Unit Leader * Manage adverse environmental conditions per the Decontamination Plan * Ensure proper wastewater collection and disposal, in compliance with recommendations from the water authority, environmental protection authority, emergency management, local hazardous materials team, or fire department * Collaborate with appropriate Medical-Technical Specialists to discuss decontamination operations and any special considerations or needs * Provide status updates to the HazMat Branch Director regularly, advising of accomplishments and problems encountered * Provide regular updates to unit personnel and inform of strategy changes as needed * Consider development of a unit action plan; submit to the HazMat Branch Director if requested |  |  |
| **Documentation**   * 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 |  |  |
| **Resources**   * Determine equipment and supply needs; request from the Logistics Section Supply Unit Leader and report to the HazMat Branch Director * Assess issues and needs in unit areas; coordinate resource management |  |  |
| **Communication**  *Hospital to complete: Insert communications technology, instructions for use and protocols for interface with external partners* |  |  |
| **Safety and Security**   * 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** |
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| **Activities**   * Transfer the Victim Decontamination Unit Leader role, if appropriate * 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) * Track results of medical monitoring of unit personnel, coordinate with the Logistics Section Employee Health and Well-Being Unit * Ensure hazard monitoring continues and issues are addressed; coordinate with the Safety Officer * Ensure security and chain of custody of personal belongings; coordinate with the Security Branch * Prepare for the possibility of evacuation or the relocation of the decontamination area * Rotate staff and replace, activate staffing plan utilizing Labor Pool personnel as needed * Meet regularly with the HazMat Branch Director for status reports * Advise the HazMat Branch Director immediately of any operational issue you are not able to correct * Relay important information and updates to unit personnel |  |  |
| **Documentation**   * 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**   * Assess issues and needs in unit areas; coordinate resource management * Ensure equipment, supplies, and personal protective equipment (PPE) are replaced as needed |  |  |
| **Communication**  *Hospital to complete: Insert communications technology, instructions for use and protocols for interface with external partners* |  |  |
| **Safety and Security**   * 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 |  |  |

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| **Extended Response (greater than 12 hours)** | **Time** | **Initial** |
| **Activities**   * Transfer the Victim Decontamination Unit Leader role, if appropriate * 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) * Continue Victim Decontamination Unit supervision including monitoring, documentation, and safety practices * Provide updates to the Hazardous Materials (HazMat) Branch Director and unit personnel |  |  |
| **Documentation**   * 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**   * Assess issues and needs in unit areas; coordinate resource management * Ensure equipment, supplies, and personal protective equipment (PPE) are replaced as needed |  |  |
| **Communication**  *Hospital to complete: Insert communications technology, instructions for use and protocols for interface with external partners* |  |  |
| **Safety and security**   * 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 |  |  |

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| **Demobilization/System Recovery** | **Time** | **Initial** |
| **Activities**   * Transfer the Victim Decontamination Unit Leader role, if appropriate * 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 disposable materials, waste, and wastewater are properly managed * Address return of patient belongings with the Security Branch, law enforcement, fire department, and hazardous materials (HazMat) team * Ensure the decontamination area is decontaminated, commensurate with agent risks * Ensure medical surveillance of decontamination personnel is initiated per recommendations in collaboration with the Logistics Section Employee Health and Well-Being Unit * Notify the water authority when operations are terminated * Notify the hazardous waste hauler that services are no longer needed; obtain final documentation from hazardous waste hauler * Ensure medical monitoring data on decontamination personnel is collected and submitted to the Logistics Section Employee Health and Well-Being Unit for review and entry into personnel health files * 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 Hazardous Materials (HazMat) Branch Director when demobilization and restoration is complete * Coordinate reimbursement issues with the Finance/Administration Section * Upon deactivation of your position, brief the HazMat 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: * Review of pertinent position descriptions and operational checklists * Recommendations for procedure changes * Accomplishments and issues * Participate in stress management and after action debriefings |  |  |
| **Documentation**   * HICS 221: Demobilization Check-Out * Ensure all documentation is submitted to the Planning Section Documentation Unit |  |  |

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| **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 * HICS 258 - Hospital Resource Directory * Hospital Emergency Operations Plan * Hospital Incident Specific Plans or Annexes * Hospital Hazardous Materials (HazMat) Incident Response Plan * Hospital Hazardous Materials (HazMat) Spill Response Plan * Hospital Security Plan * Hospital Decontamination Plan * HazMat agent reference materials * Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) * Hospital blueprints and maps * Hospital organization chart * External resource directory (Poison Control Center, the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry [ATSDR], the CHEMTREC hotline, etc.) * Hospital telephone directory * Telephone/cell phone/satellite phone/internet/amateur radio/2-way radio for communication |