

WATER/SEWER UNIT LEADER

Mission: Evaluate and monitor the availability and quality of existing water, sewage, and sanitation systems. Enact pre-established alternate methods of supply when needed.

Position Reports to: Infrastructure 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
<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 Water/Sewer 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 operational status of water and sewer systems • Assess critical issues and water, sewer, sanitation and waste disposal needs • 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 Water/Sewer 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"> • Coordinate the inspection of the hospital's water and sewer systems with the Buildings/Grounds Unit Leader 		

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activate the hospital Water Disruption and Conservation Plan, if necessary • Place emergency repair orders for water and sewer as indicated; advise the Infrastructure Branch Director of issues • Repair or correct hazards, leaks, or contamination with the assistance of the Safety Officer, the Buildings/Grounds Unit Leader, and contractors • Provide water, sewer, sanitation, and waste disposal support to patient care areas, critical service areas, and alternate care sites, etc. • Implement pre-established Alternative Waste Disposal and Collection Plan, if necessary • Position portable toilets in accessible areas, away from patient care and food preparation, as necessary • Anticipate and react to recognized shortages or failures using appropriate emergency procedures • Coordinate with the Infrastructure Branch Director to request external resource assistance, if needed • Coordinate with the Liaison Officer for contacting external authorities (e.g., public health, water, or environmental services), as appropriate • Inform all sections and areas of the hospital when implementing the Alternative Waste Disposal and Collection Plan; notify infection control personnel of actions, and enlist assistance where necessary • Ensure the security of water and sewer systems, in conjunction 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 		

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Intermediate Response (2 – 12 hours)	Time	Initial
<p>Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transfer the Water/Sewer 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) • Continue to monitor and evaluate water, sewage, sanitation, and waste disposal needs, usage, and supply • Ensure portable toilets are adequate in number and location • Ensure portable toilets are emptied and needed supplies are regularly replaced • Continue to anticipate and react to recognized shortages or failures using appropriate emergency procedures • Continue Alternative Waste Disposal and Collection Plan, if necessary • 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 		
<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 		
<p>Resources</p> <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 		
<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 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
<p>Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transfer the Water/Sewer Unit Leader role, if appropriate 		

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<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 		
<p>Resources</p> <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 		
<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 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
<p>Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Transfer the Water/Sewer 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 		

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 		
<p>Documentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HICS 221: Demobilization Check-Out • Ensure all documentation is submitted to the Planning Section Documentation Unit 		

Documents and Tools
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> HICS 203 - Organization Assignment List <input type="checkbox"/> HICS 204 - Assignment List <input type="checkbox"/> HICS 213 - General Message Form <input type="checkbox"/> HICS 214 - Activity Log <input type="checkbox"/> HICS 215A - Incident Action Plan (IAP) Safety Analysis <input type="checkbox"/> HICS 221 - Demobilization Check-Out <input type="checkbox"/> HICS 252 - Section Personnel Time Sheet <input type="checkbox"/> Hospital Emergency Operations Plan <input type="checkbox"/> Hospital Incident Specific Plans or Annexes <input type="checkbox"/> Utility Failure Incident Response Guide <input type="checkbox"/> Laptop with internet access, as available <input type="checkbox"/> Water Disruption and Conservation Plan <input type="checkbox"/> Alternative Waste Disposal and Collection Plan <input type="checkbox"/> Inventory and vendor supply lists <input type="checkbox"/> Hospital policies and procedures <input type="checkbox"/> Hospital organization chart <input type="checkbox"/> Hospital telephone directory <input type="checkbox"/> Telephone/cell phone/satellite phone/internet/amateur radio/2-way radio for communication