



The Hospital Incident Command System (HICS)



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Objectives

- Describe the role, responsibility and command considerations for the following:

 Operations Section

 - Planning Section
 Logistics Section
 Finance and Administration Section
- Discuss command staff identification
- Discuss the importance of building a command staff

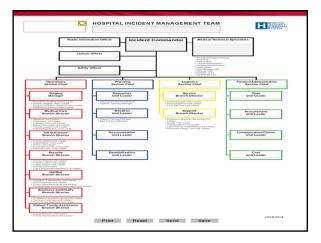
- Describe function and design of the Job Action Sheet (JAS)
 Describe the purpose and how to use the incident response guide
 Discuss the importance of integration with unified command, and the healthcare system
- Discuss issues related with managing simultaneous events



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Recent Changes

- · Additions to old HICS
- Patient Family Assistance Branch under Operations Section
 - Employees Family Care Unit included in the Support Branch
- · Deletions from old HICS
 - Business Function Relocation Unit
 - Medical Devices Unit
 - Facility/Equipment Unit
 - Environmental Services Unit
 - · deleted due to underutilization





Depict the hospital command functions that have been identified

Represent how authority and responsibility are distributed in the incident management team





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The IMT Charts

- · Identify the critical functions that have been preidentified for each type of incident
- · Not intended that every position will be activated for each incident or event
- HICS positions are assigned to personnel only as indicated by an assessment of the scope and magnitude of the incident or event



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Command

- The activities of the Hospital's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) are directed by the Incident Commander (IC)
- IC has overall responsibility for all activities within the EOC
- The IC may appoint other Command Staff personnel to assist as the situation and resources warrant



Department Level Command

The following should be maintained available for immediate access

- Job action sheet
- Identification vest
- Radio/phone
- Appropriate command forms
- Pre-designated resources



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Each floor should have ready access to necessary equipment and supplies:

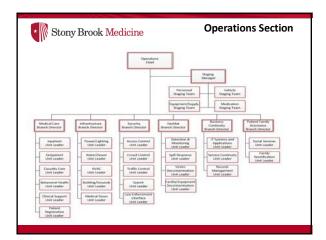
- Bottled water
- Flashlights and chemical light sticks"RESTROOM CLOSED" signs
- Chemical or standard portable toilets/toilet paper
- Hand washing foam/disinfectant wipes
- Evacuation chairs/sleds
- Bleeding Control Supplies

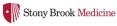


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Operations Section

- · Responsible for managing the tactical objectives outlined by the Incident Commander
- · The largest in terms of needed resources
- · Branches, Divisions, and Units are implemented as needed
- The degree to which command positions are filled depends on the situational needs and the availability of qualified command officers





Medical Care Branch

Responsible for the provision of acute and continuous care of the incident victims as well as those already in the hospital

The Medical Care Branch Director

- Works with the Logistics Branch to ensure needed personnel, equipment, medication, and supplies are requested
- Works with the Staging Manager to ensure their delivery to needed areas
- Directs the Casualty Care Unit Leader (usually be located in the Emergency Department)



Infrastructure Branch

- Maintains the normal operational capability of the facility including:
 - Power and lighting, water and sewer, HVAC, medical gases and medical devices, building/grounds
- Increases capacity when patient surge requirements dictate
- Identifies and restores utility service-delivery failures



HAZMAT Branch

Deals with internal or external hazmat response issues including:

- Agent identification
- Spill response
- Victim decontamination
- Decontamination of equipment and the facility



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Security Branch

- · Responsible for security of facility and staff
- · May need assistance from local law enforcement or contract security
- · Planning needs to address:
 - Lock-down vs. restricted visitation
 - Supplemental security staffing
 - Traffic control
 - Personal belongings management
 - Chain of custody



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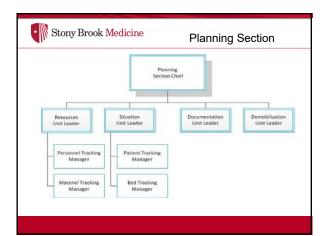
Business Continuity Branch

- · Facilitates the acquisition and access to essential recovery resources
- · Supports the Infrastructure and Security Branches
- Coordinates restoration of business functions and technology requirements
- · Assists other branches and impacted areas



Additional Branch Options

- Special Operations Branches might be created to address the specific needs of an incident that are not already being met
- New Branch creation at discretion of hospital unique operational needs





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Planning Section

- Responsible for collecting evaluating, and disseminating incident situation information and intelligence to Incident Command
- · Prepares status reports
- · Displays various types of information
- Develops the Incident Action Plan



Situation Unit

- Responsible for writing and maintaining incident updates including those related to patient tracking
- A Patient Tracking Manager may be appointed to assist



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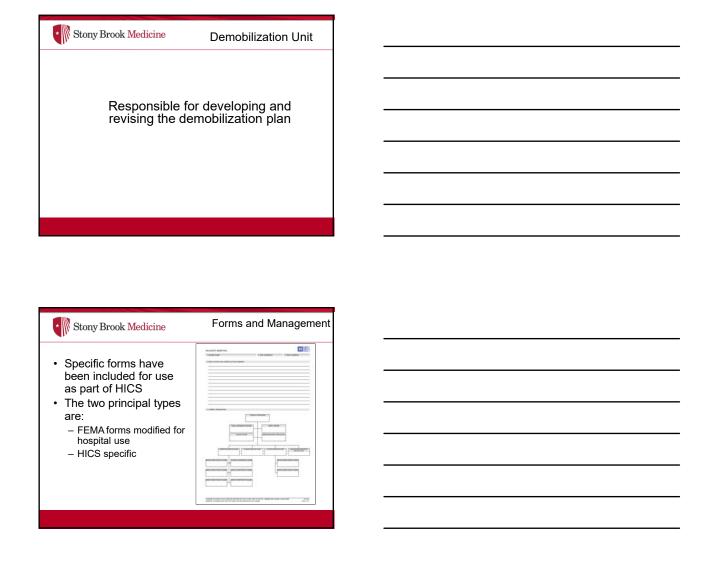
The Resource Unit

- Tracks the status of personnel and material resources that are being utilized in various locations of the hospital
- A Personnel Tracking and Materials Tracking Manager may be appointed to assist when needed



Documentation Unit

Completes action plans and other support documents, shares and archives them

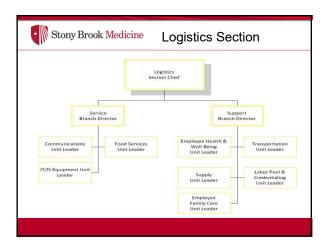


 Resources on hand and requests for supplementation
 Personnel time and accountability Internal and external communications Facility status



Archiving

- At the termination of the incident, all of the collated IAPs will be used to help outline the hospital's response activities and decision-making processes.
- All other documentation materials will be collected and archived as well





Logistics Section

Responsibilities include

- Acquiring resources from internal and external sources
- Use standard and emergency acquisition procedures to acquire
- Make requests to the local EOC or the RHCC for assistance when needed

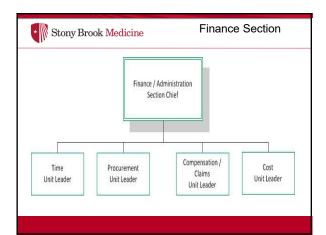


Will be responsible for supporting:

- Communication
- Food services
- IT/IS resource needs

Logistics Subdivisions

- Focuses on acquiring needed supplies, supporting infrastructure operations
- Coordinating internal and external transportation
- Acquiring additional personnel



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The costs associated must be accounted fincident	d with the response for from the outset of the	
Daily financial reporting requirements are likely to be modified and in select situations new requirements outlined by state and federal officials		



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TheFinance/AdministrationSectioncoordinates:

- · Personnel time
- · Orders items,
- Arranges personnel- related p Workers' Compensation
- · Payment of invoices.





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All personnel assigned to an incident command role should wear identification that correctly communicates their role



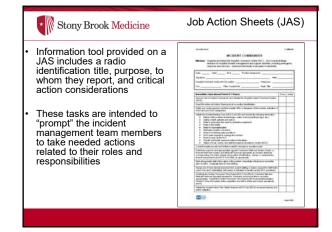


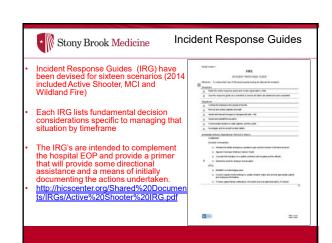


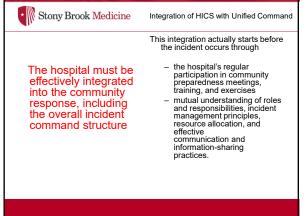
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Building Command Staff Depth

- Three to five persons should be trained for each command position in case a prolonged response is required
- Training and exercises should be used as a means of preparing personnel to competently and confidently assume one or more roles based on situational need and available
- Completion of the specified NIMS courses, either online or in the classroom, should help to prepare those persons likely to assume command roles.









Stony Brook Medicine Integration of HICS with Unified Command

Unified command will be used when more than one responding agency for the incident is present or the situation crosses political jurisdictions

This command model does not change any feature of HICS. It does allow for all agencies with responsibility for the incident, including the hospital, to participate in the decision-making process



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Corporate member hospitals must also coordinate their planning and response activities with the appropriate administrative section(s) of the parent organization

- Done before the incident
- During the incident
- After the incident





Stony Brook Medicine Managing Simultaneous Events

Normally hospitals confront one incident at a time

Sometimes problems come in multiples

- -Earthquake w/gas leak in the facility
- -Flooding and water loss in the facility

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Thank You

Any Questions?

