Objectives

At the end of this session, the participants will be able to:

– Discuss at least three ways that HICS can work for a small hospital
– Using the small hospital IMT chart, discuss potential ‘fits’ for those positions
– Explain the logic behind the small hospital job action sheets
– Demonstrate in an activity, the use of the small hospital job action sheets
Small Hospital Challenges

- Fewer resources
- Fewer personnel
- Less space
- Longer travel times
- Yet, still need to be NIMS Complaint

NIMS
National Incident Management System

- Has many requirements
  - One of which, is to implement an Incident Command System,
  - … such as HICS (Hospital Incident Management System)

HICS Resources

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- Incident Planning and Response Guides
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- Job Action Sheets
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The Incident Management Team Chart
IMT

Formerly known as the Organizational Chart

Building the Incident Management Team
Small Hospital IMT Chart

Job Action Sheets for Small Hospitals

Not just combined, Prioritized!
Combining the Job Action Sheets

- Beginning at the bottom of the organizational chart:
  - The tasks needing to be attended to within the first two hours of the event were copied to the supervisor’s sheet
  - Priority tasks are identified by the blue boxes.

Combining the Job Action Sheets

How the tasks were moved:

- Team Leaders tasks to Managers JAS
- Managers to Unit Leaders JAS
- Unit Leader to Branch Director JAS
- Branch Director to Section Chief JAS
Let's try it

- Exercise using Planning Section JAS
- How would they be distributed?

Exercise Summary

- We determined:
  - How to fill the IMT chart
  - Which positions can be combined
  - How many people we need
  - How will the JAS be distributed? (and used)
  - Who runs the Planning Meeting? For? _____

Can Incident Command be helpful for Small Hospitals?

Recommendations

- Print Small Hospital JAS in color
- Provide ALL of the JAS for each section (Not just the ones for the ones on your org chart)
  - Have several color-coded clip boards available
  - Keep extra copies of the HICS forms on the clipboards
Resources

• Center for Biopreparedness Education Website
  www.bioprepare.org
• HICS Center Website
  www.hicscenter.org
• California Emergency Medical Services Authority
  www.emsa.ca.gov