

DelValle Institute for Emergency Preparedness

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Featured Classroom Course

Applying the Incident Command System (ICS) to Your Healthcare Emergency Response

January 16, 2014

Applicable for staff from a wide variety of healthcare organizations, this 3.5 hour course provides an overview of the Hospital Incident Command System (HICS). Through a combination of lecture and scenarios, the course applies the components of HICS in a practical and usable manner. The content incorporates lessons learned and best practices from regional and national organizations' recent disaster responses. [Log into the Learning Center today](#) to reserve a spot!

"Made me feel better prepared for emergencies. Made senior leadership more prepared for emergencies."

"Very well organized."

Featured Webinar

HIPAA in Emergencies: The Federal Perspective

January 15, 2014 11:00 AM EST

During this webinar, the US Department of Health and Human Services' Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) and Office of Civil Rights (OCR) will discuss the role of HIPAA through the response and recovery phases of an emergency.

process when presented with a request for information. In addition, this webinar will include guidance on sharing patient information with appropriate entities to support recovery efforts following an emergency. The content will incorporate lessons learned and best practices from recent emergencies throughout the country. Spots are limited so [log into the Learning Center to register today!](#)

Upcoming Webinar

Healthcare Safety Officer in Incident Response

February 6, 2014 11:00 AM EST

Save the Date!

During an incident response, deployment of Safety Officer positions is critical to ensuring staff and patient safety. This one-hour webinar will review the role, responsibilities, and authority of the Safety Officers within the Incident Command System specific to the healthcare setting, including hospitals, community health centers, and long term care facilities. The webinar will review safety guidelines for incident response in a healthcare facility and apply them to a series of safety scenarios. In addition, participants will be provided with resources for learning more on this topic. Save the date and look out for this webinar to be posted on the Learning Center soon.

Upcoming Courses



All-Hazards Disaster Response and Protection for Healthcare Personnel - Awareness Modules I & II
Various Dates



Boston MRC Orientation
Various Dates



Applying the Incident Command System (ICS) to Your Healthcare Emergency Response
January 16, 2014



Core Disaster Life Support (CDLS)

May 15, 2014

"Great information w/ real world examples to make points on subject matter."

"Wonderful, serious presentations. To the point."

Online Learning

Visit our Learning Center for more information on online learning opportunities:

Online Courses

[Community Preparedness Basics: Get Ready. Be Safe. Stay Healthy.](#)

[Continuity of Operations Planning \(COOP\): Awareness](#)

[Emergency Operations Planning \(EOP\): Awareness](#)

[Emergency Risk Communication for Public Health Professionals](#)

[Hazard Vulnerability Analysis \(HVA\) Planning: Awareness](#)

[Incident Command System \(ICS\): Just-in-Time Training](#)

[Mass Casualty Incident \(MCI\) Triage: Awareness](#)

[Mass Dispensing Clinics: Just-in-Time Training](#)

Visit our [Knowledge Base](#) to learn more about topics including:

- Shelter Operations FNSS
- Hospital-Based Decontamination
- Planning for the Diverse Needs of Communities

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Emergency Preparedness News, Updates, and Affiliated Trainings

[Pediatric Disaster Response and Emergency Planning](#)

The Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency, in partnership with the Massachusetts

2014 in Dedham, MA. Facilitated by the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX), the training will address pediatric emergency planning and medical response considerations through a combination of lectures, group exercises, and a table-top exercise. For more information and to register, visit https://delvalle.bphc.org/peds_disaster

A Recipe for Readiness

National Preparedness Month in September is not the only time individuals can focus on preparing for emergencies. From family time to holiday shopping, the month of December can become an ideal time for household preparedness activities. This post outlines six reasons why the holidays make emergency planning easy. To learn more about the six reasons and read the full post, visit <http://tinyurl.com/recipeforreadiness>

Partners

The Institute has great partners in emergency preparedness trainings for public health and healthcare providers in Massachusetts, including:

- [UMass Medical School Center of Excellence for Emergency Preparedness Education & Training \(CEPET\)](#)
- [The Local Public Health Institute](#)
- [The Preparedness and Emergency Response Learning Center at the Harvard School of Public Health \(H-PERLC\)](#)
- [Massachusetts Department of Public Health](#)
- [Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency](#)
- [Mayor's Office of Emergency Management \(OEM\)](#)
- [Department of Homeland Security](#)

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