



Australian Government

HLTOUT009 Manage the scene of a major incident

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Modification History

Not applicable.

Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to manage the scene of a major incident as the first arriving resource and then participate in the management and coordination following the arrival of further resources.

This unit applies to pre-hospital and out-of-hospital health care workers.

The skills in this unit must be applied in accordance with Commonwealth and State/Territory legislation, Australian Standards and industry codes of practice.

Unit Sector

Elements and Performance Criteria

ELEMENT

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

Elements define the essential outcomes of a unit of competency.

The Performance Criteria specify the level of performance required to demonstrate achievement of the Element.

1. Respond to scene as first crew.

- 1.1. Provide initial situation report (SITREP) in accordance with organisational policies and procedures that enable the declaration of a major incident.
- 1.2. Position vehicle in close proximity to incident based on assessment of environmental threats and availability of access and egress.
- 1.3. Allocate roles of Initial Commander and Initial Triage Officer or Clinician.
- 1.4. Determine the need for personal protective equipment and use in accordance with organisational policies and procedures.

2. Undertake role of Initial Commander.

- 2.1. Take charge of ambulance activities at incident scene in accordance with organisational policies and procedures.
- 2.2. Conduct scene assessment.
- 2.3. Establish and maintain communications with control centre and Primary Triage Officer.
- 2.4. Liaise with other emergency agency commanders at the scene.
- 2.5. Identify the need for additional ambulance resources

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2.6. Document key information and decisions.

2.7. Hand over all information to Forward Command upon their arrival at the scene.

3. Undertake role of Primary Triage Officer.

3.1. Coordinate the triage sieve of casualties at the incident site in accordance with organisational policies and procedures.

3.2. Provide estimate of casualty numbers.

3.3. Use triage sieve to tag patients according to priority and severity of injury.

3.4. Ensure only life-saving treatment is performed.

3.5. Encourage bystanders to assist with basic casualty treatment.

4. Respond to scene as additional resource.

4.1. Proceed to incident as directed by control centre.

4.2. Park vehicle in designated ambulance parking area.

4.3. Take equipment to the scene.

4.4. Report to the Scene Commander.

4.5. Undertake tasks as delegated by Scene Commander and in accordance with organisational policies and procedures.

4.6. Use communication equipment to relay information.

5. Participate in end of incident activities.

5.1. Follow stand down or end of incident instructions from Incident Commander.

5.2. Participate in debriefing in accordance with organisational policies and procedures.

Foundation Skills

Foundation skills essential to performance are explicit in the performance criteria of this unit of competency.

Unit Mapping Information

No equivalent unit.

Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -

<https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=ced1390f-48d9-4ab0-bd50-b015e5485705>

Assessment Requirements for HLTOUT009 Manage the scene of a major incident

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Performance Evidence

Evidence of the ability to complete tasks outlined in elements and performance criteria of this unit in the context of the job role.

There must be evidence that the candidate has:

- performed triage sieve with tags in accordance with organisational policies and procedures for 10 casualties of varying conditions and severity of injury
- used communication equipment to provide SITREPs at regular intervals until completion of incident and in accordance with organisational policies and procedures
- debriefed at completion of incident in accordance with organisational policies and procedures.

Knowledge Evidence

Demonstrated knowledge required to complete the tasks outlined in elements and performance criteria of this unit:

- key features of major incident response plans
- organisational documents used when managing major incidents
- operational functions and use of communications equipment required to manage a major incident
- standardised process for SITREPs and the use of ETHANE mnemonic
- personal protective equipment for major incident management including tabards
- key roles of major incident management personnel, including:
 - Initial Commander
 - Initial Triage Officer or Clinician
 - Primary Triage Officer
 - Forward Commander
 - Medical Commander
 - Secondary Triage Officer
 - Casualty Clearing Officer
 - Parking Officer
 - Loading Officer
 - Scene Commander
 - Incident Commander
 - Ambulance Commander

- incident severity levels:
 - Level 1 incident
 - Level 2 incident
 - Level 3 incident
 - Level 4 incident
- process and protocol for declaration of a major incident
- triage sieve processes
- triage SORT processes
- organisational policies and procedures in relation to major incident management
- legislation and industrial guidelines in relation to major incident management
- processes for scene assessment, hazard identification and risk mitigation
- working knowledge of the role of other emergency services personnel
- signs and indications of:
 - terrorism
 - hazardous materials (HAZMAT)
 - chemical, biological, radiological or nuclear material (CBRN)
- basic life support for applying life-saving treatment:
 - basic airway management
 - major haemorrhage control.

Assessment Conditions

Skills must be demonstrated in simulated or desk-top environment.

Assessment must ensure access to:

- triage tags
- major incident response plan action cards
- organisational documents.

Assessors must satisfy the Standards for Registered Training Organisations' requirements for assessors.

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