

INCIDENT COMMAND SYSTEM

SELF-LEARNING GUIDE

For more information regarding the Hospital Incident Command System (HICS), please refer to Policy # SAFE1020 in the Safety & Emergency Management Manual.

Purpose of the Hospital Incident Command System

During an emergency event, the **Emergency Management (EM) Team** will take charge and manage all emergency events and responses. Department staff should implement the appropriate internal and external disaster responses as outlined in your Safety & Emergency Management Manual, and in your departmental policies and procedures, *and* take direction from the **EM Team** as provided. All Managers will report to the Command Center (Auditorium) if notified.

Definition of different types of Incident Command

1. Single Incident Command Center - One Incident Commander (IC) is responsible for overall incident management and strategy.
2. Unified Incident Command Center - a number of individuals and/or jurisdictions jointly determine incident command strategy. This would include city, county, state, or federal authorities

Goal

Our goal at St. Alexius Medical Center is to create a solid command structure, single or unified, which will reduce the chance of chaos when responding to an emergency event. One of the primary goals of the **HICS** is to provide a foundation that allows multiple agencies to simultaneously carry out their specific tasks with a minimum of confusion.

A few examples of what the Hospital Incident Command System /Emergency Management Team will do:

1. Coordinate procurement of physicians, nurses, and all allied health personnel.
2. Coordinate transportation of victims in and out of the Medical Center.
3. Establish and carry out the Incident Command structure.
4. Approve procurement and distribution of all medical supplies and equipment.

Hospital Incident Command System
Incident Management Team Structure

