

County of Los Angeles Department of Health Services  
Emergency Medical Services Agency  
Disaster Medical Services

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**Disaster Training Unit Course Description**

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**Topic:** Hospital Incident Command System (HICS)

**Course Hours:** 4

**Course Description:** This course provides a basic overview of the Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS) and a detailed overview of HICS, including the management structure, defined responsibilities, reporting channels and standard terms and definitions.

**Target Audience:** Hospital staff responsible for Emergency Management and Preparedness: Disaster Preparedness Coordinators/Planners, Safety Officers, and Administrators.

**Objectives:** At the conclusion of this course the student will be able to:

- Describe the origin and purpose of HICS.
  - Understand the HICS model and its' integration into the current hospital organization.
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