



Course Description

MGT-439 Pediatric Disaster Response and Emergency Preparedness

Description

This course prepares students to effectively, appropriately, and safely plan for and respond to a disaster incident involving children, addressing the specific needs of pediatric patients in the event of a community based-incident. Pediatric specific planning considerations include mass sheltering, pediatric-triage, reunification planning and pediatric decontamination considerations. This is not a hands-on technical course, but instead a management resource course for stakeholders like pediatric physicians, emergency managers, emergency planners, and members of public emergency departments like EMS, Fire, Police, Public Health, and Hospitals in the field of disaster response and preparedness work.

Course Objectives:

- Recognize the issues likely to arise within the pediatric population during disaster events.
- Describe relevant Emergency Management (EM) considerations when planning for the care and management of the pediatric population following a disaster event.
- Describe considerations in a disaster event that are unique to the pediatric population, as well as the impact of those considerations on planning and response efforts.
- Describe and discuss effective planning and preparation in addressing the requirements of the functional access needs of the pediatric population in a disaster event.
- Describe relevant mass sheltering considerations when planning for the care and management of the pediatric population following a disaster event.
- Apply pediatric-based triage systems, recognize the limitations of each system, and recognize that disaster events may produce situations of scarce resources.
- Describe aspects of reunification planning that may be applied in a disaster event, with emphasis on successfully reuniting the pediatric population with their families.
- Describe considerations for the decontamination process that take into account the needs of the pediatric population.
- Apply the information obtained in this course by assessing information provided in a table-top exercise.

Length: 16 Hours

Target Audience:

The target audience for this course includes: community and hospital-based emergency managers, EMS personnel, hospital administration and emergency room personnel, public safety/public health personnel, school administrators, MRC personnel, disaster response/relief personnel, and county, state, or federal personnel who respond to a local jurisdiction disaster event.

Recommended Prerequisites:

- IS0100: An Introduction to the Incident Command System
- IS0200: Basic Incident Command System for Initial Response
- IS0700: National Incident Management System (NIMS)
- IS0800: National Response Framework, An Introduction

Cost:

There is no fee for the course. Other cost considerations are detailed in each LMS course offering.

Signup Details:

Register through the New York State DHSES Learning Management System. Access the LMS through the link on the calendar webpage.