Brian Kowalski

Emergency Management Coordinator

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SUMMARY

Emergency management coordinator with 7 years in hospital preparedness and emergency medical services, including 2 years in a hospital setting as an EMT. Runs the hospital emergency management program for a 4-hospital system: hazard vulnerability analysis, HICS training, exercises and Joint Commission readiness. Stays calm and organized in high-stress, fast-changing incidents.

SKILLS

Emergency Management • HICS • NIMS • Hazard Vulnerability Analysis • Emergency Operations Plans
Joint Commission Standards • CMS Emergency Preparedness Rule • HSEEP • PowerPoint • Organizational Skills

EXPERIENCE

Emergency Management Coordinator 08/2023 - Present
Riverside Heights Health System Pittsburgh, PA
Four-hospital health system with 1,300 beds and 9,000 employees.

- Coordinate the emergency management program for **4** hospitals, keeping each one survey-ready for Joint Commission standards.
- Lead the yearly hazard vulnerability analysis with 25 department heads and update emergency operations plans to match.
- Train 1,400 staff a year on HICS roles, code procedures and evacuation, using short PowerPoint and floor drills.
- Activate the hospital command center for 6 real events, including a regional power outage and a mass casualty surge.

Emergency Preparedness Specialist 06/2021 - 07/2023
Three Rivers Healthcare Coalition Pittsburgh, PA
Regional coalition of hospitals, EMS and public health agencies.

- Planned 8 regional exercises with HSEEP, from patient surge tabletops to full-scale decontamination drills.
- Maintained the coalition's NIMS training records for 37 member organizations.
- Wrote corrective action plans from after-action reports and followed each item to closure.
- Compiled CMS Emergency Preparedness Rule checklists that 12 hospitals used for self-audits.

Emergency Medical Technician 06/2019 - 05/2021
North Hills Ambulance Service Pittsburgh, PA
911 and inter-facility ambulance service; based in a hospital emergency department.

- Responded to 1,800 emergency and transfer calls, giving patient care and handoff reports to ED staff.
- Served on the hospital decontamination team and checked supplies before each shift.
- Documented every patient care report before shift end, with a 98% quality review pass rate.
- Represented EMS in 4 hospital mass casualty drills as the field liaison.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science 04/2019
University of Pittsburgh Pittsburgh, PA
Emergency Medicine

CERTIFICATES

Certified Healthcare Emergency Professional (CHEP)
International Board for Certification of Safety Managers
05/2024

Pennsylvania EMT Certification
Pennsylvania Department of Health
05/2019