UNIT CODE	HLTOUT009
UNIT TITLE	**Manage the scene of a major incident**
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 participating in the management and coordination following the arrival of further resources. This unit applies to pre-hospital/out-of-hospital health care workers. The skills in this unit must be applied in accordance with Commonwealth and State/Territory legislation, Australian/New Zealand Standards and industry codes of practice.
PREREQUISITE UNIT	Nil
COMPETENCY FIELD	Pre-hospital and out-of-hospital health care

ELEMENTS	PERFORMANCE CRITERIA
Elements describe the essential outcomes	*Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.*
1. Respond to scene as first crew.	1.1 Provide initial SITREP using organisational procedures that enables the declaration of an incident. 1.2 Park vehicle as near to the scene as safety permits and establish command post. 1.3 Allocate roles of initial Commander and initial Triage Officer (Clinician). 1.4 Don appropriate personal protective equipment.
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 as soon as possible. 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 and equipment. 2.6 Document key information and decisions. 2.7 Handover all relevant information to Forward Command on their arrival.

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 appropriate triage sieve to tag patients according to priority/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 Don appropriate PPE. 4.4 Take equipment to the scene. 4.5 Report to the Ambulance Commander. 4.6 Undertake tasks as delegated by Ambulance and in accordance with organisational policies and procedures. 4.7 Use appropriate communication.
5. Participate in debrief.	5.1 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 Guide

TITLE	**Assessment Requirements for HLTOUT009 Manage the scene of a major incident**
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, and: ■ Perform triage sieve with tags in accordance with organisational policies and procedures for 10 casualties of varying conditions and severity of injury ■ Provide SITREPs at regular intervals until completion of incident and 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:
	- Major incident response plan - SITREP and the use of standardised process (i.e. ETHANE) - Personal protective equipment appropriate to major incident management (i.e. tabards) - Key roles of major incident management, including: - Initial Commander - Primary Triage Officer - Forward Commander - Medical Commander - Secondary Triage Officer - Casualty Clearing Officer - Parking Officer - Loading Officer - Incident Commander - Ambulance Commander - Level of incidents: - Level 1 incident - Level 2 incident - Level 3 incident - Level 4 incident - Declaration of an incident - Triage sieve process - Triage sort process - organisation policies and procedures in relation to major incident management - relevant legislation and industrial guidelines in relation to major incident management - scene assessment, hazard identification and risk mitigation - role of other emergency services at a major incident: - police - fire - SES - signs of Terrorism/HASMAT/CBRN - basic life support for applying life-saving treatment: - basic airway management - major haemorrhage control

ASSESSMENT CONDITIONS	Skills must be demonstrated in simulated/desk top environment. The following conditions must be met for this unit:
	■ Include demonstration of being commander and triage officer
	Assessment must ensure access to:
	■ triage tags ■ Major incident response plan action cards
	Assessors must satisfy the Standards for Registered Training Organisations' requirements for assessors.
LINKS	Companion Volume Implementation Guide