

WHAT IS OUTSIDE THE PURVIEW OF THE HOSPITAL INCIDENT LIAISON?

The HIL should not be used during routine emergencies that are effectively managed by EMS and hospitals. The HIL will not interfere or intercede with established communication protocols between EMS and hospitals. The HIL will not dictate response to hospitals, EMS or other healthcare entities. Rather, the role of the HIL is to support hospitals in providing optimal patient care under catastrophic circumstances through communication augmentation, resource allocation and established guidance/protocols.

The HIL can be accessed by pager 24/7 for assistance with internal or external hospital emergencies. For more information about the COTS HIL, please contact the Central Ohio Trauma System at 614.240.7419.

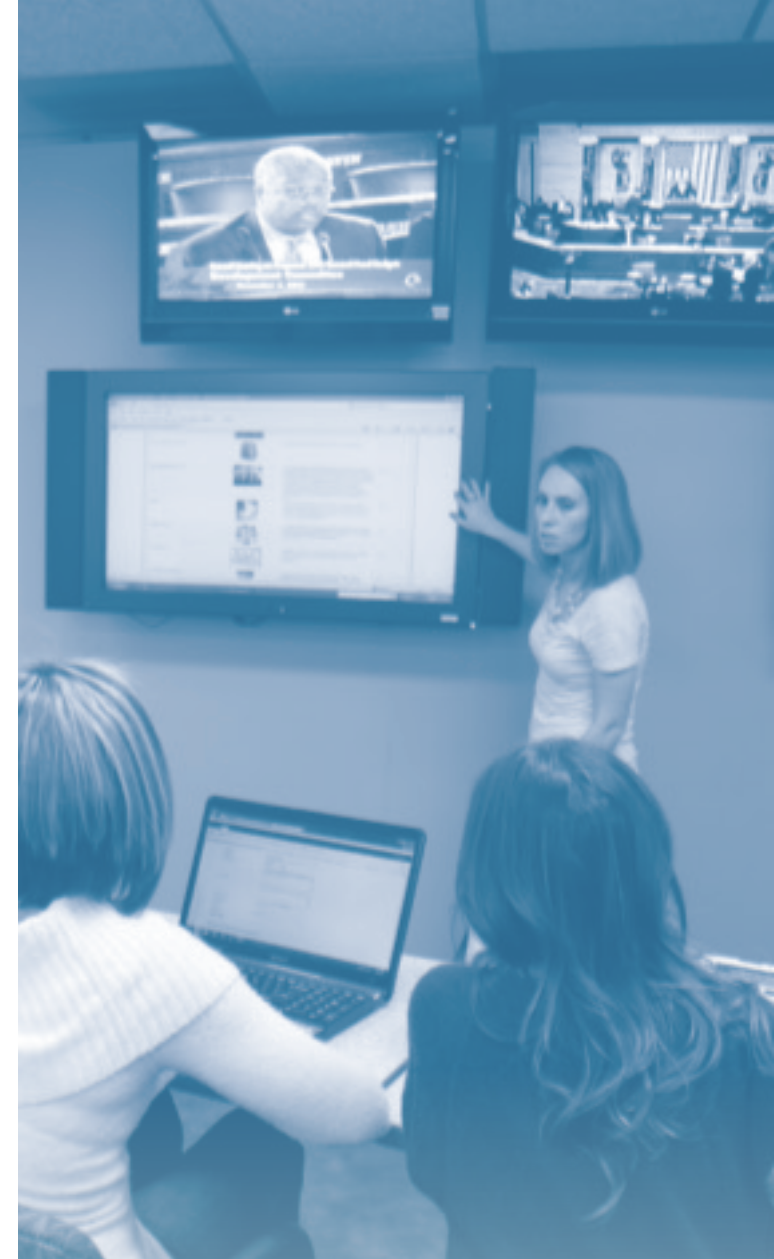
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Hospital Incident Liaison



WHAT IS THE HOSPITAL INCIDENT LIAISON (HIL)?

The HIL is a function of the Central Ohio Trauma System (COTS) that supports Central Ohio hospitals and other healthcare partners during a disaster.

The HIL serves the community as a:

- Conduit for disseminating accurate and timely situational awareness to hospitals and other healthcare partners; and,
- Resource Manager to access and mobilize local, regional, state and federal critical care caches to supplement hospitals during a disaster

HOW DOES THE HIL COMMUNICATE DURING A DISASTER?

COTS employs redundant communication systems to communicate with partnering agencies during a disaster.

In addition to traditional land lines, fax machines and cell phones, COTS utilizes other state and local systems including:

- The Telephone Emergency Notification System (TENS)
- The Multi-Agency Radio Communication System (MARCS)
- Hand-held Amateur Radios (HAM)

Web-based communication systems used by the HIL include:

- Central Ohio Healthcare Disaster Information Management System (COHDIMS)
- SurgeNet Bed Reporting
- The Ohio Public Health Communication System (OPHCS)
- The Central Ohio Hospital Security Information Alert Network (COHSAN)

IN WHAT CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD THE HOSPITAL INCIDENT LIAISON BE CALLED?

The HIL should be notified immediately in any event that has the potential to profoundly affect one or more hospitals in the Central Ohio Region.

Some examples include:

- Mass casualty incidents
- Hazardous materials exposure
- Internal hospital emergencies requiring absolute diversion of EMS or reallocation of patients and/or additional resources
- An injured suspect fleeing from law enforcement that may seek care in a regional Emergency Department

WHO CAN CALL THE HOSPITAL INCIDENT LIAISON?

Any community agency responding to disasters may activate the HIL for assistance when it is anticipated that patients will surge into hospitals. Such agencies include (but are not limited to):

- Hospitals
- Public Health
- Emergency Management Agencies
- Communication Centers
- Law Enforcement/Fire/EMS
- Poison Control Centers
- American Red Cross Chapters