SAFETY OFFICER

Mission: Ensure safety of staff, residents, and visitors; monitor and correct hazardous conditions. Have authority to halt any operation that poses immediate threat to life and health.

Date: __________ Start: __________ End: __________ Position Assigned to: __________________________ Initial: __________

Positions Reports to: Incident Commander - Signature: __________________________

Nursing Home Command Center (NHCC) Location: __________________________

Phone: __________________ Fax: __________________ Email: __________________

Radio Title: __________________

IMMEDIATE (Operational Period 0-2 Hours)

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Work with the Medical Director/Specialist, the Physical Plant/Security Unit Leader and others to determine safety risks of the incident to personnel, the physical plant, and the environment. Advise the Incident Commander and Section Chiefs of any unsafe condition and corrective recommendations.

Work with Incident Command staff in designating restricted access areas and providing signage.

Ensure the following activities are initiated as indicated by the incident/situation:

- Evaluate building and/or incident hazards and identify vulnerabilities (see NHICS Form 251)
- Specify type and level of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to be utilized by staff to ensure their protection, based upon the incident or hazardous condition (with medical consultation if possible)
- Monitor operational safety of resident services and/or decontamination operations if applicable
- Identify and report all hazards and unsafe conditions to the Incident Commander

Assess nursing home operations and practices of staff, and terminate and report any unsafe operation or practice, recommending corrective actions to ensure safe service delivery.

Initiate the Incident Action Plan Safety Analysis (see NHICS Form 261).

Ensure implementation of all safety practices and procedures in the facility.

Initiate environmental monitoring as indicated by the incident or hazardous condition.