Policy: 47.1

SUBJECT: DISASTER OR MULTIPLE VICTIM TRAUMA RESPONSE – UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

POLICY:
The UW-Madison Police Department shall provide procedures for Department personnel who may be utilized when the University Hospital Disaster Plan or Multiple Victim Trauma Response Plan is activated. Crisis and disaster events require campuses to not only prepare for such events, but they also require an understanding of response capabilities and limitations. The responsibility of Department personnel at the time the Disaster Plan or Multiple Victim Trauma Response Plan is implemented at the University Hospital is to monitor and control access to the Hospital as well as provide a person to staff the Hospital command center.

DEFINITIONS:
“Post” refers to a place to which personnel are assigned for duty.

PROCEDURE:
47.1.1 DISASTER OR MULTIPLE VICTIM TRAUMA RESPONSE PROCEDURES:

A. When the University Hospital implements the Hospital Incident Command System (HICS) and opens the Incident Command Center (ICC), a hospital administrator shall be the Hospital Incident Commander. The UHC Incident Commander may request a representative from the Department to staff the command center. This person shall serve as a liaison between University Hospital incident command and the Department.
   1. If police resources are deployed to the hospital, a police supervisor or the ranking police officer shall be the police officer in charge (OIC).
   2. There may be times when the hospital incident command center is in operation while the police department is operating its own independent incident command. Careful consideration must be given to operating two incident commands due to the potential for confusion. When both command centers are operating, the officer assigned to the HICS shall use the radio call sign of “Hospital Operations.”

B. The Department Incident Commander or OIC shall evaluate the need for police and/or security resources in consultation with the University Hospital Incident Command Center. The law enforcement dispatcher (LED) shall notify the Manager on Call (MOC).

C. Responding police resources shall be deployed by the Department Incident Commander or OIC. UW Police personnel shall remain on their posts until released by the Department Incident Commander or OIC.

D. All Department personnel assigned to posts shall be in uniform or display appropriate Department identification.