

# Amiel Farnam Fard

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## EDUCATION

**Tel Aviv University** – Tel Aviv, Israel

Masters of Public Health in Emergency & Disaster Management

**November 2017**

**The Technion University** – Haifa, Israel

Masters in Medical Sciences

**July 2016**

**California State University Northridge** – Northridge, California

Bachelors of Science in Biology with a Minor in Psychology

**June 2008**

## EXPERIENCE

**Los Angeles County of Public Health Emerging Disease Specialist**

**October 2019 - Present**

- COVID-19 response by receiving and distributing appropriate PPE to priority healthcare entities, to include hospitals, clinics, EMS provider agencies and Skilled Nursing Facilities
- Meet with planning and operations personnel to determine exercise needs
- Review disease outbreak detection, notification, and response plans, and recommend areas where exercise can be used for concept testing and evaluation
- Developed applicable seminars, tabletop exercises, departmental level and operational area functional exercises
- Developed departmental field drills and full-scale exercises, using HSEEP practice and procedures

**El Segundo Emergency Management Coordinator** – El Segundo, California

**April 2018 – Present**

- Built response and recovery plans for disease outbreak, natural disasters, and terrorism to ensure effective response procedures
- Planned and lead training drills for first responders on disaster response procedures, resulting in increased city-wide preparedness
- Leveraged best practices from neighboring counties, cities, and countries to ensure best-in-class disaster preparedness
- Organized Disaster Preparedness Day, partnering with first responders to educate the community of over 1,000 of attendees
- Experience with mass notification software (Everbridge) & Incident Management software (Web EOC)

**Public Health Emergency and Disaster Manager** – Tel Aviv, Israel

**June 2017 – January 2018**

- Educated by Israel Defense Force in medical industry disaster preparedness, focused on the “All Hazards” approach
- Lead hospital-wide drill focused on Weaponized Ebola Outbreak, increasing awareness response requirements for Ebola
- Evaluated disaster preparedness of 16 hospitals, focusing on increased preparedness for natural disasters, terrorism, Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear (CBRN) events by effectively applying the Root Cause Analysis procedure
- Developed and executed disaster response and recovery exercises, such as seminars, tabletops, functional exercises, field drills, and full scale practices, markedly improving response efficiency and teamwork
- Fostered proactive approach to disease outbreak response by training on the world’s first underground fortified hospital

**Magen David Adom Advanced First Responder** – Tel Aviv, Israel

**May 2017 – January 2018**

- Staffed Israel’s ambulance response team treating victims in critical condition, leading to understanding of first responder operations during a mass casualty event
- Experienced mobile ICU, IV insertion, emergency childbirth, wound management, and proper identification & treatment of cardiac, respiratory, stroke & trauma victims

**Department of Homeland Security Transportation Security** – Tel Aviv, Israel

**February 2017 – January 2018**

- Strengthened security levels on Israel’s train system & shopping centers by identifying & closing security gaps
- Completed and presented findings of safety/security-related educational drills to both internal and external partners, resulting in increased protection and quicker recovery from disasters

**Humanitarian Medical Aid – Hospital San Miguel Arcangel** – Jalisco, Mexico

**August 2011 – June 2013**

- Administered medical aid and regional best practices for infectious disease containment in underserved communities

**Cedars-Sinai Hospital Microbiology Technician** – Los Angeles, California

**October 2010 – September 2011**

- Constructed test for detection, isolation, & characterization of infectious agents
- Prepared specimens & analyzed chemical & hormonal contents of body fluids

**Ronald Reagan Hospital Microbiology Technician** - Los Angeles, California

**August 2009 – January 2010**

- Identified various infectious specimens

**UCLA Cardio Thoracic Clinical Laboratory Research Associate** – Los Angeles, California

**August 2006 – September 2009**

- Researched cardiac illnesses & aided in development of procedures that avert damage to the heart muscle during cardiac arrest
- Performed time-sensitive testing & analyzed data from electrocardiograms & implanted cardioverter-defibrillator & pacemakers

**Alma Mater Senior Tutor and Test Proctor** – Los Angeles, California

**October 2013 – Present**

- Customized lessons for K-12, college, & graduate students, providing effective learning solutions

#### **CERTIFICATIONS**

- **Incident Command System (ICS) - 100, 120, 200, 230, 235, 240, 241, 242, 244, 300, 400, 700, 800** **June 2018**
- **Incident Response to Terrorist Bombings (IRTB)** **July 2018**
- **Prevention of & Response to Suicide Bombing Incidents (PRSBI)** **July 2018**
- **The Crisis Management Course – Tel Aviv University, Israel** **July 2017**
- **Magen David Adom Advanced First Responder (BCLS Certified) – Tel Aviv, Israel** **May 2017**
- **Emergency Rescue Operations Certification – Wingate Institute, Natanya, Israel** **May 2017**
- **Healers Art Certification – The Technion University, Israel** **June 2016**

#### **ADDITIONAL**

- **Languages:** English, Farsi; Proficient in Hebrew & Spanish
- **Interests:** Chess, Playing and watching soccer; Enjoy teaching; World travel and experiencing other cultures