Developing Animal Response Teams

Creation . Recruitment . Training . Deployment
Creating the Team
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- Locating animal control or lead agency
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- Working with Non-for profits and rescue groups
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• Working with emergency management

What is our function? The Michigan City Emergency Management office prepares and keeps current several specialized disaster plans including but not limited to:

• The Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP)
• The Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan (MHMP)
• The Radio Amateur Communications Emergency Services (RACES) Plan
• Strategic Preparedness Plans
• Community Mass Notification Early Warning Plans
• Radiological Protection Plans
• and other plans relative to Volunteer Management Resource management, evacuation, and other specialized plans

The Emergency Management’s mission is to plan for critical incidents resulting from natural and man-made hazards, including foreign terrorism. The concepts for planning involve; Preparedness, Mitigation, Response and Recovery.
Recruitment

- Social Media (Facebook, Tweeter, etc.)
- Using existing response Teams
- Liability
- Background checks
Training

The following courses are recommended!
IS 10.A: Animals in Disaster: Awareness and Preparedness

The objectives of this course are to increase awareness and preparedness among animal owners and care providers, and to describe how typical hazards affect animals and what can be done by responsible owners to reduce the impact of disasters.
Training

IS 11.A: Animals in Disaster: Community Planning

The objectives of this course are to learn how to develop a community plan for managing animals in an emergency, identify hazards and threats most likely to affect your community and ways to minimize their impact on animals, indicate how communities use the Incident Command System (ICS) to respond effectively to an incident involving animals, describe resources available to help communities recover from a disaster, and develop community support for a disaster preparedness plan involving animals.
IS 111.A: Livestock in Disaster

The objectives of this course are to learn understand issues that arise when disasters affect livestock, determine a farm's susceptibility to hazards, and identify actions to reduce economic losses and human and animal suffering in disasters.
Training

IS 800.B: National Response Framework

At the end of this course, you will be able to describe:

• The purpose of the National Response Framework.
• The response doctrine established by the National Response Framework.
• The roles and responsibilities of entities as specified in the National Response Framework.
• The actions that support national response.
• The response organizations used for multiagency coordination.
• How planning relates to national preparedness.
Before deploying, there are some basic questions to think about to make sure you’re fully prepared for the assignment!
• Have I completed Incident Command System (ICS) training?

• Have I made emergency arrangements for my family?

• Do my skill sets match this mission / am I comfortable with the assignment?

• Do I have personal items ready to go (i.e., medicine, glasses, clothing, etc.)?
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Thank You!