

National Animal Rescue and Sheltering Coalition

- Formed in 2006 as a result of Lessons Learned from Hurricane Katrina
- Our Mission is to identify, prioritize and find collaborative solutions to major human-animal emergency issues
- 14 members dedicated to professionalism in disaster preparedness, emergency response and management



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Post-Hurricane Katrina reality

- Animal response issues, at their core, are people issues
- Animals cannot be considered independently of response issues/ requirements associated with human populations
- Animal response issues exist anytime a disaster affects a community
- Whether planned for or not, they must be addressed by incident management during a response
- Identified a nationwide need for additional training in incident management and ICS



Voting Members



NATIONAL ANIMAL
CARE & CONTROL ASSOCIATION



Best Friends
ANIMAL SOCIETY



General Members



NARSC Transparency

- Code of conduct
- Regular meetings
- Communication during disasters
- Coordination and Collaboration
- Best Practice Working Group Co-Chairs
- Providing liaison or subject matter expertise before, during, afterwards
- Federal planning partners
- Fully integrate into emergency management processes consistent with the National Incident Management System (NIMS)
- Sharing lessons learned and best practices at local, state, and national levels



NARSC Activities

- Expanded Membership
- 501(c)6
- Resource Sharing Agreement
- Joint Deployments
- State MOU
- NVOAD Partnership
- National and Local TTX



Deployable Resources

<u>Resource</u>	<u>AHA</u>	<u>ASPCA</u>	<u>Best Friends</u>	<u>Code 3</u>	<u>IFAW</u>	<u>NACA</u>	<u>SAWA</u>	<u>RedRover</u>
Main Deployable Staff *	5	100	6	10	3	0	1	2
Deployable Volunteers *	300	1120	80	90	200	103	2000	2721
Deployable Contractors *	0	30	15	20	10	0	0	0
Certified Incident Command System Support: **								
Incident Command	0				0			0
Operations Chief	0	1			0			0
Planning Chief	1	2			0			0
Logistics Chief	0	1			0			0
Finance/Admin Chief	0				0			0
Liaison Officer	2	4			0			0
Safety Officer	0	2			0			0
PIO	1	1			1			0
Slackwater Team (3 persons) ***	3	6		4	4			0
Swiftwater Team (3 persons) ***	1	1		4	2			0
Forensic Support ***	2	4			1			0
Shelburne Team (4 persons) ***	4	20			3			1

Recent Deployments

- North Dakota flooding: 6 weeks sheltering
- Mississippi flooding: Liaison at SEOC, water rescue
- Hurricane Gustav: LA State mega-shelter
- Hurricane Isaac: LA State mega-shelter
- Hurricane Irene: RRCC, NRCC
- Hurricane Sandy: DC (WV, NJ), NRCC
- Hurricane Joaquin: South Carolina EMD



Activation and Mobilization

- Ideally, include NARSC in updates at 72-96 hours
- We will have Liaison there within 24 hours and can generally have rescue and sheltering **teams** there in 36-48 hours; 3 days for large rescue rigs to arrive
- Request from agency with delegation of authority; often times it is the Department of Agriculture or Department of Emergency Management
 - Mission assignment (number), POC, reporting timeframe, anticipated length of deployment, field conditions
 - If specific needs are not known – stay broad



Response

- ❖ Liaison Officer (LO)
 - SEOC or for larger incidences - virtual
 - LO communicates with the NARSC Executive Committee but manages the incident in terms of coordinating requests and filling teams
- ❖ Each team will have an assigned Team Leader that will communicate with IC and with LO to coordinate needs



One for all and all for one....

- State and in-state (county) agreements may be fulfilled outside the Liaison Officer role
 - AVMA – VMAT
 - PetSmart Charities Emergency Waggin'
- Distribution Centers/PODs
 - In-state or regional
 - Managed by NARSC members
- ASAR, Sheltering, Medical, Transport, Planning, Training



Demobilization

- The Team Leader and LO will coordinate the demobilization and request demobilization from the State
- Hotwash / Debrief
- After Action Report



Financial Responsibility

- NARSC teams will look to DEM for suggestions on housing but will not request allowances / reimbursement unless requested*
- Typically, the larger teams will come with their own support vehicles



Financial Responsibility cont'd

- We will support with much of our own supplies but there may be requests for specific items: generators, sheltering supplies, etc through RRF
- Member PIOs will coordinate messaging and work with state PIO for release. Always appreciate (and need) recognition of our support

- Sign-in sheets and volunteer hours
 - State cost-share
 - Eligible expenses covered under DAP 9523.19
- Donated supplies/equipment
 - Eligible toward cost-share

NARSC State MOUs and Prioritization of Requests

- ✓ North Dakota Department of Agriculture
- ✓ Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency
- ✓ Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry
- ✓ Maryland Department of Agriculture
- ✓ North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
- ✓ South Carolina Emergency Management Division
- ✓ Georgia Department of Agriculture
- ✓ Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
- ✓ Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry
- ✓ South Dakota Office of Emergency Management

**Note: 7 additional states have MOUs in the draft stage

NARSC State MOUs and Prioritization of Requests (cont'd)

Managing 10 state MOUs, collaborating with Federal planning partners, Member organization's obligations – How are NARSC Requests Prioritized?

- Highest likelihood of impact/needs based on information gathered from event daily calls, situational reports from the NRCC, RRCC, and organizations/agencies on the ground
- Lean forward – better to have resources re-positioned rather than be behind the curve
- If your state or county agency(s) already have an MOU with a NARSC member; do you still need a NARSC MOU to request NARSC?

NARSC Executive Committee:

Chair, Shannon Walajtys – IFAW

Past-Chair, Dick Green – ASPCA

Chair-Elect, Eric Thompson – Code 3 Associates

Interim Secretary, Dave Chico – NASAAEP

Thank you



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