



Cuyahoga County Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster

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Animals Subcommittee Decontamination Working Group

Meeting #2

Monday, April 10, 2017

1:30p-3:00p

Cuyahoga County Animal Shelter

9500 Sweet Valley Drive

Valley View, Ohio 44125

Notes

1. **Attendance:** Debbie Conway, Serena Steele, Sharon Nicaastro, Ed Jamison, Ayse Dunlap
2. **Training**
 - Mark Vedder is investigating the training that will be needed. *[Post-meeting Note: Mark believes the best course of action is to assemble a training group that can customize the training based on our needs. He is assembling a cadre of instructors.]*
 - All responders must have National Incident Management System/Incident Command System training online as follows:
 - IS-700.a National Incident Management System (NIMS) An Introduction
<https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-700.a>
 - IS-100.b Introduction to Incident Command System
<https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-100.b>
 - IS-200.b ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents
<https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-200.b>
 - Supervisors should also have two classroom courses that are available through Cuyahoga County Office of Emergency Management (CCOEM)
 - ICS-300 Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents
 - ICS-400 Advanced ICS for Command and General Staff
 - CCOEM is also hosting FEMA's *Local Volunteers and Donations Management* course on April 27-28. See attached flyer for information and registration instructions.

3. Administration

- All Coordinators reported that they do not need special approval from their legal departments for this project.
- All Coordinators reported that his/her organization did not have any policies and procedures that needed to be coordinated with the other organizations.
- The Animal Decontamination Group will need to develop Standard Operating Guidelines. We will need at least one veterinarian involved in the process. Ayse will check with APL's veterinarian to assess interest. If the APL veterinarian is not interested, we will explore other options.

4. Veterinarian Recruitment

- The ADG will need veterinarians as both advisors and responders.
- We do not know at this time the number of veterinarians that will be needed, but we will need a substantial number of responders. Veterinarians are needed at the beginning of the decontamination process to assess level of decon needed and to care for any illnesses and injuries. Veterinarians are needed at the end of the decon process to assess if any further decon or treatment are necessary.
- Debbie will get a list of Cuyahoga County veterinarians from Stacey Short at the Board of Health. Sharon will forward to the Coordinators to determine the veterinarians to be invited. *[Post-meeting Note: Sharon has the list of veterinary hospitals and is searching the internet for names of specific veterinarians at those hospitals.]*

5. Decontamination System

- Sharon has concerns about not having a decontamination system. We can do without one during warm weather, but we could have to decon during the winter. Sharon inquired about the cost of the system but did not receive a reply. Debbie asked where it would be stored and suggested that we might be able to rent a unit at the time it is needed. Regardless of the type of system we use, it must have a containment component for contaminated water. *[Post-meeting Note: Mark Vedder has investigated the systems and found them to be expensive and unimpressive. He has some ideas about other options.]*

6. Equipment and Supplies

- We will need to determine the type of personal protective equipment that will be required. Mark Vedder should be able to provide this information. We also need to consider how we will fund it.
- The decontamination supplies are not expected to be extensive. Basic supplies will be soap, shampoo, and eye wash. Sharon asked if the Coordinators could absorb the cost in their budgets. The Coordinators replied that they probably could not. We will research other options.
- The County Animal Shelter has a dryer than can be transported.

7. Funding

- Serena checked with the Grants department, and they said there is no federal or state funding that can be used for animal decontamination. They suggested the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) as a potential funding source.

- Debbie will send potential grant opportunities to Serena so Grants can check out possibilities. Debbie mentioned Petco, Humane Society of the United States, and American Society for that Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.
- If we need to go the donations route, donations can be made to one of our three organizations to be tax deductible.

8. Other Business

- Sharon will ask Alan Finkelstein, retired firefighter/paramedic from Strongsville Fire Department and member of the LEPC if he will act as a technical adviser to the group on hazmat matters.
[Post-meeting note: Alan has indicated that he is interested. Sharon will talk to him at the next LEPC meeting on May 1.]

9. Next Steps

- Ayse will check with APL's veterinarian about being ADG's veterinarian.
- Debbie will get the list of County veterinarians from the Board of Health.
- Debbie will give Serena a list of potential grant sources.
- Sharon will ask Alan Finkelstein about being a technical advisor and continue to coordinate with Mark Vedder about training and equipment.

10. Next Meeting

- Thursday, May 25, 2017
- 1:30p-3:00p
- County Animal Shelter