

**Animals Subcommittee  
Decontamination Working Group**

**Meeting #3**

Thursday, May 25, 2017  
1:30p-3:00p  
Cuyahoga County Animal Shelter  
9500 Sweet Valley Drive  
Valley View, Ohio 44125

**Agenda**

**1. Attendance:**

Debbie Conway	County Animal Shelter
Ed Jamison	Cleveland Division of Animal Care and Control
Sharon Nicastrò	COAD
Serena Steele	County Office of Emergency Management
Erika Moran	County Office of Emergency Management

**2. Training**

- Mark Vedder, hazmat subject matter expert, is working on a training program and is assembling an instructor cadre. He would like to attend ADG meetings, but his schedule is full at this time.
- The full content of the training is to be determined, but National Incident Management System and Incident Command System courses will be required. Responders will need to take IS-100, IS-200, IS-700, and IS-800. Supervisors will also need ICS-300 and possibly ICS-400.

**3. Hazmat Technical Advisor**

- Alan Finkelstein, retired hazmat subject matter expert from Strongsville Fire Department and a member of LEPC, has agreed to be a hazmat technical advisor to ADG.

#### **4. Veterinarians**

- Veterinarians will be needed as technical advisors.
- Veterinarians will be needed as responders to assess animals before and after decontamination and provide medical treatment as necessary. Veterinary Technicians might also be able to fill these roles under the supervision and direction of a veterinarian.
- At this time we cannot assess the number of veterinarians that will be needed.
- The group reviewed the list of veterinarians in Cuyahoga County and decided not to select specific veterinarians to receive invitations.
- Sharon Nicastro will create an invitation to be signed by ADG's three supervisors.
- Sharon Nicastro will create an application to be approved by the group. The application should include contact information, practice name, training, experience, and convictions or guilty pleas to animal-related crimes.
- Veterinarians from outside Cuyahoga County will be eligible to participate.
- Veterinarians will need to provide their own liability and medical insurance but will work under the direction of the ADG.
- Veterinary Technicians may join the ADG but must work under the auspices of a veterinarian/veterinary clinic that will assume liability and medical insurance. They will be under the direction of the ADG.

#### **5. Other Business**

- No other issues were raised.

#### **6. Next Steps**

- Invitations to veterinarians
- Training program
- Standard Operating Guidelines

#### **7. Next Meeting**

- Sharon Nicastro will send a Doodle meeting scheduler. We will try to have Mark Vedder and Alan Finkelstein at the next meeting.