

## Animals Subcommittee Decontamination Working Group

### Meeting #4

Thursday, June 22, 2017

1:30p-3:00p

Cuyahoga County Animal Shelter  
9500 Sweet Valley Drive  
Valley View, Ohio 44125

### Notes

1. **Attendees:** Debbie Conway, Ayse Dunlap, Erika Moran, Sharon Nicastro, Serena Steele, Mark Vedder

2. **Training**

Mark Vedder provided the group with information and his training plan as follows:

- Basic Responders should take the IS-100 and IS-700 courses.
- Supervisors should also take IS-200.
- IS-200 and IS-800 would be optional for Basic Responders.
- ICS-300 and ICS-400 would be optional for Supervisors.
- Hazmat training should be the awareness and operations levels.
  - Approximately 24 hours depending on customization (0830-1630)
  - Animal decontamination can be incorporated or be an add-on training.
  - 15 students per class (45 total employees expected) – 3 classes
  - County Animal Shelter is suitable for training.
  - Mark can provide projector, laptop, and possibly some PPE.
  - Mark will provide the training at no charge.
- Emergency decon will be done with fire hoses and will include pets with owners.
- Technical (mass) decon will include soap and water.
- Technical decon would include animals and handlers.
- Hazmat teams will decon working animals (e.g., canines).
- Should have plans for an incident that solely affects animals and a plan for animal response as part of a larger incident.
- Need to train with the equipment and PPE that will be used for an incident
  - Can train at a lower level of respiratory protection and move to advanced level as necessary
  - Law enforcement agencies have PPE kits that they might give to ADG because respirator canisters are expired. Mark will check the PPE that is available to him. If he does not have what is needed, Serena will check with law enforcement agencies. The MSA Millenium Respirator are the current stock. They do not require custom-fitting.

- Plan will need to be exercised to determine final training program.
- Serena will check state pricing for hazmat equipment.
- County Animal Shelter received boxes of donated PPE, which ADG might be able to use.
- Pre-assessment by veterinarians or veterinary technicians could be problematic because they would then need to be deconned.
- Treatment is not provided unless animal has a life-threatening condition.
- Would need to distinguish between exposure and contamination.
- Ken Folsom (formerly of Geauga County, now in California) might be able to provide information on the animal decon program that he used in Geauga County.

**3. Veterinarians**

- Because of time limitations, the application for veterinarians was only briefly reviewed.
- Because we do not have veterinarian emails and mail is costly, we might ask if the Cleveland Academy of Veterinary Medicine would make a recruitment announcement.

**4. Standard Operating Guidelines**

- Not discussed

**5. Other Business**

- Not discussed

**6. Next Steps**

- Mark will check on PPE.
- Serena will check with law enforcement regarding PPE if Mark cannot provide.
- Mark will check with Ken Folsom about Geauga County hazmat training.
- Sharon will continue work on applications for veterinarians and vet techs.
- Sharon will research format for Standard Operating Guidelines.

**7. Next Meeting**

- Thursday, July 20, 2017
- 1:30p-3:30p
- County Animal Shelter