



**Cuyahoga County  
Voluntary Organizations  
Active in Disaster**

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**Animals Subcommittee  
Decontamination Working Group**

**Meeting #5**

Thursday, July 20, 2017

1:30p-3:00p

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

**Notes**

**1. Attendees**

- Debbie Conway
- Ed Jamison
- Sharon Nicastro
- Serena Steele
- Mark Vedder

**2. Training**

- Monday-Tuesday, October 23-24, 2017 – 0800-1700 – Pilot Class
- Awareness and Operations Level
- Mission-specific content (to be determined)
- Prerequisites: IS-100 and IS-700

**3. Equipment and Supplies**

- Mark provided a preliminary equipment/supplies list.
- It will be most challenging to procure the respirators and boots.
- The County Animal Shelter can provide elevated platforms and ramps.
- Mark knows of a trailer to store equipment/supplies and allow for quick transport that might be available. The trailer has a generator.
- Once the Cleveland facility is finished there will be space to store the trailer.
- Serena will ask the President of the Cuyahoga County Police Chiefs Association if he will announce to the membership our need for approximately 30 PPE kits.

**4. Veterinarians and Veterinary Technicians**

- The group reviewed the application for veterinarians.
- Sharon will write a letter to the Cleveland Academy of Veterinary Medicine requesting that they advertise our need for veterinarians. The letter will be revised, approved, and signed by our three supervisors.

- Erika Moran provided input on the application for veterinary technicians. She said that many/most vet techs are not provided with medical insurance, and she does not believe veterinary practices would assume liability for vet techs when not operating under the supervision of the practice. Because Cleveland, APL, and the County have vet techs on their staff, the group deemed it unnecessary to recruit vet techs at this time.

**5. Standard Operating Guidelines**

- Not discussed

**6. Other Business**

- The group discussed the possible role of Animals' Disaster Team. While the group agreed that ADT would not be trained for decontamination, they could provide help with the animals between decontamination and release to owners.

**7. Next Steps**

- Serena will contact the Police Chiefs Association about PPE kits.
- Mark will finalize and prioritize the equipment/supplies list.
- Mark will determine mission-specific content of training.
- Mark will provide Serena with course manuals to be printed.
- Everyone will coordinate training logistics.
- Sharon will write a letter to the Cleveland Academy of Veterinary Medicine.

**8. Next Meeting**

- Wednesday, August 23, 2017
- 1330-1500 Hours
- County Animal Shelter