



## Tioga County Animal Response Team

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### MEETING MINUTES

Tioga County Department of Emergency Services

10/14/16

- Attendees
  - Amber Wetzel
  - Amy Hoffman
  - Benton Best
  - Karen Reside
  - Lisa Rice
  - Nancy Shultis
  - Sasha Diedrich
- Financial Report – Balance of \$850
- CART Responses
  - 2 potential responses since the last meeting
    - Loose cows on Route 660
    - Pigs loose on Stony Fork Road
  - Swift911 – Mass Notification Software Program
    - **EVERYONE** should sign up for the program
    - Select the “X-CART” list in order to get added to the distribution list for CART. That way, if there is an activation, the CART list can be messaged instantaneously
- Membership/Recruitment
  - Team structure
    - Should separate small, large, and exotic animals from each other
    - Role of PANT
      - Training and education for team members on canine behavior
      - Train-the-trainer opportunities
      - Outreach events
    - Equine Response Team – Group of riders in Tioga County that we should partner with
      - Karen Starkweather
  - Membership Application
    - Tioga County Emergency Services will put on the CART website in a fillable form
  - Facebook
    - Tioga County Emergency Services will start a Tioga County CART Facebook page and share it with everyone

- Amber and Karen are happy to advertise for our team on their existing Facebook accounts as well
- Fundraising
  - Possible funding opportunities
    - Packer, Taber, etc. grants?
    - Shell grants
    - Krause Foundation
    - Walmart (good location to make pet first aid kits at a discount and then sell them)
  - Items to sell
    - Pet First Aid Kits (see Walmart comment previously)
    - Animal Go Packs (for emergency evacuations)
    - Pet memorial wall
- Training & Exercise
  - Last Chance Ranch
    - Explaining what might be needed for rescuers
    - No hands on training
    - Good reference website for animal rescue information – [www.aaep.org](http://www.aaep.org)
    - Provided overview of how to effect rescues using
      - Hog boards
      - Horse Glide
      - Horse winch
      - Firehouse – Wrap around the horse (in absence of a winch)
      - [www.aaep.org/horseowner](http://www.aaep.org/horseowner)
    - Learned the importance of knowing how to catch and calm large animals by creating a wall
    - [www.readyrating.org](http://www.readyrating.org) - Talks about if your organization is ready for a disaster
  - Tioga County wants to add CART training to the County's training and exercise plan (which gets submitted to FEMA each year)
  - Basic Level Responder Course Requirements
    - SART Orientation
    - Hazmat Awareness
      - Offered quarterly at the Dept. of Emergency Services (Wellsboro)
    - Incident Command Courses
      - Online with FEMA
        - [IS-100 Introduction to Incident Command System](#)  
*Can be taken on line at the Emergency Management Institute of FEMA*
        - [IS-700 Introduction to National Incident Management System \(NIMS\)](#)  
*Can be taken online at the Emergency Management Institute of FEMA*
        - [IS-5.a Introduction to Hazardous Materials](#)  
*Can be taken on line at the Emergency Management Institute of FEMA*

- Also offered quarterly at the Dept. of Emergency Services (Wellsboro)
    - Animal Sheltering Course (16 hours)
  - Training Needs
    - Animal Sheltering Course
    - Large Animal training on handling and rescuing large animals
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- Resource Manual
  - Dave Burket is still working on updating the Resource Manual
  - Resources potentially available to the team
    - What does Potter County have?
      - Lucinda Greene is planning to attend the Open House and has a good idea of what they have in Potter County
    - Sasha has a large animal trailer with a safety door at the front for emergency evacuation of personnel
    - VMAT – Veterinary Medical Assistance Team
    - PA-SART has 3 temporary animal shelter trailers available for deployment
    - Tioga County 4-H club has a trailer as well as some stalls at the Tioga County Fairgrounds
  - Memorandum of Understanding (MOUs)
    - Veterinary Care Act – Requires vets to stabilize injured animals if they are brought in to their clinic
    - We should have MOUs with all the participating veterinary clinics on our final resource list
    - Dr. Carlin is very interested in helping
  - Need to Make Contact With (for resources and potential MOUs)
    - Second Chance Shelter – Takes strays
      - 111 Young Rd, East Brookfield, MA 01515
      - (508) 867-5525
    - Raptor Rehab – Exotic Animals
    - Coudersport Vet Hospital
    - Troy Vet Clinic (not the large animal hospital)
    - Dr. Reese – Chairman of the Tioga County Fair
    - Future Farmers of America (FFA) Community
  - Equipment Needs List
    - Anderson Sling – Holds horses for a long period of time
    - Becker Sling – Lifts horses up but can't hold them for longer periods of time
      - WE NEED ONE
    - Accountability system for pets
- Open House Event
  - Invite Wellsboro Home Page
  - Exhibits Throughout the Day
    - Dog Training Demonstrations
    - Large Animal Equipment Demonstration

- Micropchip Machine(s)
- Pet Sheltering
  - Overview of Sheltering Process
  - Accountability System
- Recruitment Tent – Handouts and scrolling PowerPoint
- Sample Pet First Aid Kit
- Search Dog Demonstration (tentative)
- Karen will take photos of the event for our records
- Karen might be able to provide some dog treats for a donation to the CART
- Good of the Order
  - SUN CART – Now is now defunct (Nancy)