AC Role in Emergency Management

Statutory:

- Assessment of regulated facilities
  Zoos, research, commercial kennels, transportation
- Program Response Team (PRT) for confiscations

ESF 11

- Subject matter experts for ESF11, FEMA, States
- Supporting coordination actions (Pets MAC)
- Technical Assistance and operational assistance missions in the field, including PRT availability
Pets mission coordination

- Working to develop a “system” with common terminology pertaining to functions & tasks.

- Pets Coordination Unit (PCU)
  - Could be a State, Federal or joint Federal-State unit
  - Ideally would be a State-led unit with Federal support when requested
  - Could be part of a larger animal/agricultural coordination unit

- Pets Multi-Agency Coordination Unit (Pets MAC)
  - Developing a National Pets MAC capability for very large/complex incidents or multiple concurrent large incidents.
Program Response Team

Primary purpose: regulatory emergencies:

- Confiscation of animals under the AWA.
- Consider 1 elephant, 300 dogs, 150 tigers
- Confiscation in place possible
- Potential unified command with State or local authority
- 14 people in each of two regions

Secondary purpose: Stafford Act mission

- Capability to provide ICS based team to support FEMA/States
Zoological facility contingency planning

Zoo Animal Health Network contingency planning group:
www.zooanimalhealthnetwork.org

Zoo emergencies 2011
• Roosevelt Park, Minot, ND
• Dakota Zoo, Bismarck, ND
• Discovery Zoo, North Platte, NE
• Zoo America, Hershey, PA

“New” Administration Bldg, Roosevelt Zoo
AC deployment with FEMA IMAT

Joplin, Missouri, May-June 2011

- FEMA Incident Management Assistance Team support
- Monitoring pets issues for IMAT
- Providing technical assistance to local response managers and NGOs
  - Heat index
  - Facilitated resource requests
Best Practice Working Groups

Developed through NASAAEP with support from Iowa State

- Sheltering
- Evacuation and Transport
- Animal Search and Rescue
- Veterinary Medicine
- Decontamination
- Planning and Resource Management
- Training
- Preparedness and Outreach

BPWG Library accessible through [www.nasaaep.org](http://www.nasaaep.org)
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Nuclear/Radiological Update

• Japan earthquake-tsunami-radiological incident
  • APHIS radiological expert at two working sessions in Japan
  • NASAAEP Animal Decontamination Best Practice Working Group
    • Whitepaper on current status and challenges
  • FEMA IND planning group
    • 2 APHIS representatives
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