



SART Planning Meeting

BUILDING A BETTER TEAM

February 28 – March 2, 2011
Altamonte Springs, Florida



WELCOME

Joan Dusky, Florida SART, Chair

I welcome you to the 2011 SART Planning Meeting.

State Agricultural Response Team (SART) Leaders have developed a program to inform, enlighten and challenge you to “Build a Better Team.” The program is designed to familiarize participants with situations and provide background information on animal and agriculturally related emergency management issues. This information will better prepare participants to assist at the local level in preparedness and response to an animal or agricultural disaster.

The State Agricultural Response Team, (SART), is a multiagency coordination group consisting of governmental and private entities dedicated to all-hazard disaster preparedness, planning, response, and recovery for the animal and agricultural sectors in the state of Florida.

Through SART, federal, state and local partners have joined forces to protect Florida’s agriculture and animal industries. By pooling our experiences and resources, we have been able to identify needed tools that will ensure a quicker, more unified, and effective response to natural disasters and emergency situations on all levels.

Florida has been called an agricultural “sentinel state,” because if an agricultural disease is introduced, or an agro-terrorist event occurs in the United States, there is a good chance it will occur first in Florida! Florida has over 75 million tourists visiting annually, of which 10 percent arrive from foreign countries. Florida’s borders are truly porous with 14 seaports, 111 general airfields, 20 commercial airports, 12 military airfields, and 700 privately owned airports.

Florida is the target of more hurricanes than any other state (Florida has been struck by destructive hurricanes over 35 times in the last 50 years). Florida is also a high-risk state for flood, drought and wildfires. Because of these natural and man-made disasters, Florida’s 126 billion dollar agricultural industry is oftentimes at risk.

Joan Dusky
Associate Dean for Extension
Agricultural Program Leader
University of Florida, IFAS

AGENDA

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2011

Planning Meeting Registration

Crystal Foyer

12:00-1:00 SART Planning Meeting Registration for all attendees

PLEASE NOTE: The University of Florida, College of Veterinary Medicine, as a workshop co-sponsor with SART, has reviewed this program and approved it for 14 hours of General Continuing Education. Veterinarians requesting CEUs should please visit staff at the registration table located in the Crystal Foyer.

General Session – Moderators: Dr. Joan Dusky, Chair, SART; and David Perry, Vice Chair, SART

Crystal Ballroom, Salons D & E

1:00-1:25 Welcome – Dr. Thomas Holt and Seminole County's Alan Harris

1:25-1:55 USDA/APHIS/Animal Care–Dr. Chester Gipson, USDA/VS/Animal Care on the role of USDA as the federal lead for animal emergency care.

1:55-2:15 National Alliance of State Animal and Agricultural Emergency Programs (NASAAEP) – Dick Greene
A presentation on initiatives at the national level, and outcomes from the NASAAEP recent summit.

2:15-2:30 Regional Domestic Security Task Force (RDSTF) Structure – Art Johnstone, Dr. Joan Dusky

2:30-3:00 Florida Division of Emergency Management – Gwen Keenan, Chief of the Bureau of Preparedness on the role of ESF-17/SART in the Florida State Emergency Response Team

3:00-3:30 30-Minute Networking Break

3:30-4:00 FACA President – Paul Studivant
Discussion of the plans and capabilities of FACA members to assist county to county.

4:00-4:50 Moderated Panel Discussion by selected counties on what has worked or not worked in their county animal response plans – Joe Kight

Palm Beach: Daisy Harsch; Manatee: Joel Richmond; Hernando: Cecilia Patella; and Franklin: Pam Brownell

4:50-5:00 Closing Remarks – Dr. Joan Dusky, SART Chair

Evening Networking Reception

Royal Palm Ballroom

5:00 – 7:00 2011 SART Planning Meeting Welcome Reception

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TUESDAY, MARCH 01, 2011

Continental Breakfast

Crystal Foyer

7:00-8:00 Complimentary breakfast for all attendees

Problem-Solving Working Groups – *Three-hour workshop to identify specific county/state problem areas with focus on prioritizing them for future efforts* (Please attend the session that coincides with the colored dot on your conference name tag. Facilitators will schedule a 15-minute break during the group session).

Capital Ballroom, Salon I

8:00-11:45 **RED** Problem-Solving Working Group – Search and Rescue

Facilitator: Kendra Stauffer; **Moderator:** Laura Bevan

Crystal Ballroom, Salons D & E

8:00-11:45 **BLUE** Problem-Solving Working Group – Animal Care

Facilitator: John Haven; **Moderator:** Sue Rantuccio

Capital Ballroom, Salon II

8:00-11:45 **GREEN** Problem-Solving Working Group – Transportation and Sheltering

Facilitator: Dr. Greg Christy; **Moderator:** Ann Vuxton

SART Awards Luncheon

Royal Palm Ballroom

11:45-1:00 This is a special luncheon to recognize all members for their commitment to the Florida State Agricultural Response Team, and to highlight some outstanding responders.

Field Trainings and Workshops (Please attend the session that coincides with your registered selection that is printed on your name tag).

North Lawn & Parking Lot (Exit the Hilton Hotel's front entrance and look for the tent).

1:00-5:00 **Large Animal Technical Rescue Course** – John Haven, Dr. Cynda Crawford

Four hours of instruction/demonstration of large animal rescue equipment, techniques, and issues involved in large animal rescue, with a focus on keeping the responders and the victim safe.

Capital Ballroom, Salon I

1:00-5:00 **Animal Emergency Care** – Dr. Jenifer Chatfield

Four hours of instruction/demonstration on basic animal emergency animal care for non-veterinary responders. This class will cover basic first aid, animal stress recognition and relief techniques.

Crystal Ballroom, Salons D & E

1:00-5:00 **Accessing SART State and Regional Assets** – Joe Kight, David Perry, and Laura Bevan

Four hours of instruction/demonstration on how to request state animal emergency resources and how to safely utilize them to their fullest potential.

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 02, 2011

Continental Breakfast

Crystal Foyer

7:00-8:00 Complimentary breakfast for all attendees

General Session – Moderator Joe Kight, ESF-17
Emergency Coordinating Officer

Crystal Ballroom, Salons D & E

8:00-8:30 Canine Disease: A Case Study –
Dr. Cynda Crawford

A report on the Incident Command System being instituted for management of this large-scale disease outbreak response, utilizing expertise from Maddie’s Shelter Medicine Program veterinarians, ASPCA disaster response teams, and Sumter County and Bay Area DART volunteers.

8:30-9:00 MOU between FVMA & FDACS –
Dr. Heather Case

A presentation on the working relationship of FDACS, the FVMA, and the FL VET CORPS and how it covers volunteers.

9:00-9:30 Florida State Animal Response Coalition (FLSARC) – Connie Brooks

A case study presentation of where the Incident Command System was instituted for management of a large-scale disease outbreak response, utilizing expertise from Maddie’s Shelter Medicine Program veterinarians, VETS team, Vet Corps members, ASPCA disaster response team, and Sumter County and Bay Area DART volunteers.

9:30-9:45 Florida Veterinary Stockpile Plan –
Dr. Greg Christy

9:45-10:00 15-Minute Networking Break

10:00-11:00 Group Reports – Dr. Greg Christy,
Dr. Kendra Stauffer, and John Haven

A group discussion of the previous day’s breakout problem identification workshops to continue the prioritizing process.

11:00-11:45 Response – Joe Kight

A group discussion to begin to develop solutions to the prioritized, identified issues.

11:45-12:00 Wrap-up and closing remarks –
Dr. Joan Dusky

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BIOS



Laura Bevan

Director, Eastern Regional Office
The Humane Society of the United States

Laura Bevan has worked for The Humane Society of the United States (The HSUS) since 1987. The Eastern Regional Office, located in Tallahassee, Florida oversees 20 staff in 26 states east of the Mississippi River.

Laura is known for her extensive experience in working natural disasters, starting with Hurricane Andrew in 1992. She has since responded and helped direct animal relief efforts in numerous hurricanes, wildfires and floods. In 2004, Laura coordinated companion animal response efforts for the state during the four storms that hit Florida within a six week period. In 2005, she was team leader for The HSUS' Hurricane Katrina response in Mississippi.

Laura served on an ad hoc committee that developed Florida's disaster plan for animals,

was on the national committee that wrote the Federal Emergency Management Agency's handbooks on disaster planning for animals, and is a co-founder of Florida's Disaster Animal Response Team (DART) training. Currently, Laura is an advisory board member for Florida's State Agricultural Response Team (SART), and a board member of the Florida State Animal Response Coalition. She has spoken at state and national emergency management conferences on disaster planning and response for animals, and was primary author of The HSUS' Disaster Planning for Animals manual. In 2008, Laura was honored as Humanitarian of the Year at the Florida Governor's Hurricane Conference for her work developing and promoting disaster planning for animals.



Connie Brooks

Sumter Disaster Animal Response Team
(DART)

Connie Brooks has responded nationally with disaster incidents since 1992. Her experience came through 16 years of Animal Shelter experience at SPCA Tampa Bay in positions of medical supervisor, shelter manager and director of operations. She has assisted as a

Team Leader in Hurricane sCharley, Katrina and Ike to name a few. She is currently the President of the Florida State Animal Response Coalition, a member of NDART, Florida SART as well as the Bay Area DART team which works closely with Pinellas County ESF-17 in disaster preparedness.



Pamela Brownell

Franklin County Emergency Management,
Director

Pamela Brownell has been the director for Franklin County Emergency Management for two years and was previously the Special Needs coordinator for the county for three years.

Pamela graduated from the State EM Academy in 2006. She has completed

the Emergency Management Institute's Professional Development Series and the Advanced Professional Series.

She was recognized by the Apalachicola Bay Rotary Club in July 2010 for her exceptional leadership and persistence in protecting the Franklin County during the first 100 days of the Gulf Deepwater Horizon 2010 Oil Spill.



Heather Case, DVM, MPH, DACVPM

Director, Scientific Activities
Coordinator, Emergency Preparedness and Response
American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA)

Dr. Case is the Director of the Scientific Activities Division and the Coordinator of Emergency Preparedness and Response for the American Veterinary Medical Association. She is board certified by the American College of Veterinary Preventive Medicine. As Scientific Activities Division Director, she is responsible for overseeing the areas of public health, food safety, regulatory veterinary medicine, emergency preparedness and response, One Health, veterinary environmental matters, animal agriculture, aquatic veterinary medicine and animal biologics and therapeutics. Her duties include oversight and development of the AVMA Veterinary Medical Assistance Team program.

Prior to joining the AVMA, Dr. Case served as an AVMA Congressional Fellow working for a member of Congress in Washington, DC. Her portfolio included Arts, Agriculture, Energy, Environment, Homeland Security, Housing, Trade and Transportation issues. She has also completed a veterinary preventive medicine residency where she focused on leadership and public policy, West Nile Virus surveillance, biosecurity and risk assessment, food-borne pathogens and public health projects within the turkey industry.

Dr. Case has a background in disaster response and preparedness. Following Hurricane Katrina, she was deployed as a member of VMAT 5 three times to assist in the response to Hurricane Katrina serving in logistics and as Commander of Shelter Medicine for the Lamar Dixon Animal Shelter which housed thousands of animals displaced by the hurricane.



Jenifer Chatfield, D.V.M.

Dr. Jenifer Chatfield graduated with a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from Texas A&M University's College of Veterinary Medicine. Immediately following graduation, she immersed herself in several aspects of veterinary medicine by working as the Associate Veterinarian at the San Antonio Zoo as well as a part-time associate at the Animal Emergency Room.

Dr. Chatfield pursued both emergency medicine and zoo medicine throughout her career with refereed publications in many fields including pharmacology and assisted reproduction. She has owned 2 emergency

clinics, in Florida and Texas, and has been the Senior Veterinarian in a zoological park. Additionally, Dr. Chatfield was the veterinarian supervising the biomedical research program at the University of Texas at Brownsville for 4 years. She has completed fieldwork in Madagascar and South America, and continues to explore new areas of medicine as an Associate Editor for the Journal of Zoo and Wildlife Medicine. Currently, Dr. Chatfield works as a Veterinary and Agricultural Liaison for the Florida Dept. of Health, while still performing relief work in local veterinary hospitals.



Greg Christy, D.V.M.

Greg Christy graduated from Missouri Southern State University, Joplin, Missouri in 1980 with a B.S in biology and graduated from the University of Missouri, College of Veterinary Medicine, Columbia, Missouri with a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine in 1984. He was the Owner/Operator of two veterinary hospitals in Carthage, Missouri from 1986 to 2000. He was also the Owner/Operator of VSSI, a veterinary equipment manufacturing and distribution company from 1988 to 2000, also in Carthage, Missouri. Dr. Christy worked as an Adjunct Professor at Missouri Southern State University, Joplin, Missouri from 1986-2001 and served in the US Army Reserve as a Veterinary Corps member.

Dr. Christy is currently employed by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. He has served as the State Emergency Programs Coordinator for animal disease issues for the Department and the Florida State Emergency Operations Center. He was the State Coordinating Officer for animal and agricultural issues for eight hurricane response efforts in Florida in 2004-2005 and also led a state team to Mississippi for animal issues during the Hurricane Katrina response. Dr. Christy is a co-founder of the Florida State Agricultural Response Team and

is a program leader for the Florida Veterinary Medical Corps.

In 2008, Dr. Christy was detailed to the Department of Homeland Security in Washington, DC, as an associate in the Office of Infrastructure Protection. He represented the State's issues relating to animal, agricultural and food security issues working with the DHS Food and Agriculture Sector, its Government Coordinating Council, and the Sector Coordinating Council. Dr. Christy worked on the Animal Issues Working Group tasked with updating the National Response Plan (NRP), assisted with the PETS Act FEMA reimbursement issues and the National Preparedness System effort for credentialing animal issues' responders.

Dr. Christy serves as a member of the DHS Food and Agriculture Government Coordinating Council, USAHA/AAVLD Committee on Animal Emergency Management (CAEM) and the Southern Animal and Agriculture Disaster Response Alliance (SAADRA), DHS Animal Disease Emergencies Target Capabilities List (TLC) Working Group and the Jacksonville DHS Jacksonville Area BioWatch Advisory Committee.



Cynda Crawford, D.V.M., Ph.D.

Maddie's Clinical Assistant Professor of Shelter Medicine

Maddie's Shelter Medicine Program
Department of Small Animal Clinical Sciences, University of Florida, College of Veterinary Medicine

Dr. Crawford is the Maddie's Clinical Assistant Professor of Shelter Medicine in the Maddie's Shelter Medicine Program,

Department of Small Animal Clinical Sciences, University of Florida, College of Veterinary Medicine. She is a member of FL SART, the Medical Director for UF VETS, and a member of the NASAAEP Disaster Veterinary Care Best Practices Working Group.



Kim Duffiney, USDA

APHIS, Animal Care Inspector
North Florida and South Georgia

B.S. Fisheries and Wildlife Management,
Emphasis Wildlife Biology, Michigan State
University

Before starting her career with USDA, Ms. Duffiney worked in a variety of intermittent positions including: Neotropical Migratory Bird Research, USDA, Forest Service, Hiawatha Nat'l Forest, Rapid River, MI, Whitetail Deer Migration, Density and Mortality Research, Hiawatha Nat'l Forest, Rapid River, MI, Mexican Spotted Owl Research, Humboldt State University Foundation, Coconino Nat'l Forest, Flagstaff, AZ

She has been employed with USDA, APHIS, Veterinary Services, Animal Health Technician, Michigan for 6 years and has spent most of her time in Michigan working with cattle producers coordinating and

testing cattle herds for Bovine Tuberculosis, conducting herd surveillance, monitoring sales at livestock saleyards, and assisting in the BL3 laboratory conducting Scrapie slaughter surveillance. She has participated in the Avian Influenza Outbreak Incident in Virginia, June 2001, and completed 3 tours of duty in California for the Exotic Newcastle Disease Incident.

She has been with USDA, APHIS, as an Animal Care Inspector, Florida for 2 years, 4 months.

As an Animal Care Inspector, Ms. Duffiney enforces the Animal Welfare Act by conducting regular inspections on regulated facilities, which may include zoos, animal sanctuaries, breeders and brokers of regulated animals and animal exhibitors. She has also represented Animal Care on the Florida SART Steering Committee since 2009.



Dr. Joan A. Dusky

Dr. Joan A. Dusky is currently Associate Dean for Extension, Agricultural Programs Leader in the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS) at the University of Florida. Dr. Dusky provides leadership for the development and delivery of science-based extension educational programs for agriculture. As part of those responsibilities, she is the liaison for disaster preparedness, response, and recovery for extension. She has been with the University of Florida for 30 years. She began her career at the USDA Metabolism and Radiation Research Laboratory in Fargo, North Dakota. In 1980, she joined the University of Florida faculty and was located at the Everglades Research and Education Center where she was responsible for research

and extension weed management programs for rice, sugarcane, and vegetable crops produced on high organic matter soils, turf and pastures. She has published more than 300 journal articles, proceedings, abstracts, extension reports, circulars, bulletins, and fact sheets. Dr. Dusky has received several awards including the USDA Honor Award for her collaborative efforts in developing glyphosate-resistant lettuce, the Florida Weed Science Society Outstanding Weed Scientist and has been named a Fellow of the Weed Science Society of America. Dr. Dusky holds a B.S. in Biology from Baldwin Wallace College in Ohio (1973), and an M.S. (1975) and Ph.D. (1978) in botany from North Dakota State University.



Chester A. Gipson, D.V.M.

Dr. Gipson was appointed Acting Deputy Administrator in November 2001, and then Deputy Administrator of Animal Care in May 2002. He and his staff (which includes headquarters' personnel in Riverdale, Maryland, regional personnel in Raleigh, North Carolina, and regional personnel in Fort Collins, Colorado) are responsible for the enforcement of the Animal Welfare Act (AWA) and the Horse Protection Act (HPA).

Dr. Gipson has worked for APHIS for more than 20 years. His first job was as a Veterinary Medical Officer (VMO) on the Sheep, Goat, Equine, Ectoparasite, and Miscellaneous Disease staff within Veterinary Services (VS). After that, he served as a VMO with Policy and Program Development, where he and other staff and line officials developed broad

policies and veterinary medical programs for VS. After serving a year as Assistant Director of VS' Southeastern Regional Office, headquartered in Tampa, Florida, he served as Director of that program, until he became the Director of VS' Animal Health Programs in Riverdale, Maryland and later, the Associate Deputy Administrator of VS.

Dr. Gipson received a Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine from Tuskegee University in Tuskegee, Alabama; a Master's of Agriculture (specializing in Physiology) from the University of Florida in Gainesville, Florida; and a Bachelor of Science (with a major in Animal Science and Biology) from Florida A&M University in Tallahassee, Florida.



Dr. Dick Green

Dr. Green is currently the Emergency Relief Manager for Disasters at the International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW). He has responded to scores of international and national disasters and his teams have rescued thousands of animals from floods, tornadoes, fires, and hurricanes. Recent responses include Typhoons Morakot (Taiwan) and Ondoy (Philippines), Albay Volcano (Philippines), the Iceland volcano, and the Haiti earthquake.

Dr. Green has trained hundreds of responders in disaster prevention and response and has developed a training curriculum and text for *Water Rescue for Companion Animals*. Since 2000, Dr. Green has delivered nearly 100 domestic and international presentations and/or trainings on animal rescue.

He currently is the Chair-Elect of the National Animal Rescue and Sheltering Coalition, on the Board of Directors for the National Alliance of State Animal and Agricultural Emergency Programs, co-chairs the Evacuation and Transportation Best Practices Working Group and is a member of the Animal Search and Rescue Best Practices Working Group and the FEMA Animal Emergency Response Working Group.

Dr. Green's doctorate is in biomechanics and he was an educator for 27 years, the last 10 at Gonzaga University in the Department of Exercise Science. Over the last several years, he has presented his work in disaster preparedness and response to professional groups in China, Costa Rica, Australia, Mexico, Canada, Chile, Philippines, and the United States.



Alan S. Harris

Mr. Harris has worked in emergency services for over 17 years. He began his career while completing his degree from the University of Florida in Gainesville, Florida.

Mr. Harris' first position in emergency services was for the Gainesville Fire Rescue Association, a student group at the University of Florida. One year later, he was recruited for work with the Alachua County Fire Rescue Department. While in Alachua County, Alan worked the 1998 wildfires and was deployed to Flagler County, the only county in the United States to be completely evacuated during a disaster.

In 1999, Mr. Harris moved to Orlando and started work for the Altamonte Springs Fire Department. In 2002, Alan served as a member of the public affairs' team for the Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City, Utah. That same year, he was deployed to the Mallory Swamp Fire, the largest wildfire in Florida history. In October 2002, Seminole County merged with the Altamonte Springs Fire Department.

Mr. Harris currently serves as the Emergency Manager for the Seminole County Office of Emergency Management (SCEM). During the 2004 hurricane season, Mr. Harris served as Emergency Operations Center Manager for Hurricanes Charley, Frances, and Jeanne, and was deployed to Pensacola to assist the Escambia County Emergency Operations Center after Hurricane Ivan. He has managed incidents including the Tropical Storm Fay, 2008, Suwannee River Flood, 2009, and Operation Haiti Relief, 2010. He teaches numerous Federal Emergency Management Agency and Department of Homeland Security courses.

Mr. Harris has achieved the Professional Emergency Manager® certification by the Florida Emergency Preparedness Association and has been awarded the Certified Emergency Manager® designation by the International Association of Emergency Managers.



Lt. Daisy Harsch

Field Supervisor
Disaster Coordinator

ESF #17 Unit Leader/Coordinator

Lt. Harsch is a field services supervisor with Palm Beach County Animal Care and Control and manages the Commercial Licensing and Enforcement Unit. She serves as the disaster coordinator for animal-related issues in the

county and as the Animal Services Unit Leader at the EOC during disaster activations. She also has oversight of the County Pet Friendly Shelter which houses up to 600 animals and 300 people during hurricanes and other natural and man-made disasters. She has served in Palm Beach County since 2003.



John Haven

Mr. Haven is the Director of the University of Florida, College of Veterinary Medicine (UF CVM). He has been in this capacity since June 2004. In this capacity Mr. Haven is responsible for the college IT group, college HR group, college facilities group, oversight of the college financials, the supervision of all non-faculty personnel in the Veterinary Medical Center, and disaster response.

Mr. Haven is the creator and team leader of the UF CVM Disaster Response Team, known as VETS (Veterinary Emergency Treatment Service). He co-developed the Vet Corps concept for Florida. Additionally, he represents the UF CVM on the Florida SART (State Agricultural Response Team) Advisory Board, and on the SART Steering Committee. He is a member on the Training Best Practices Working Group for NASAAEP (National Alliance of State Animal and Agricultural Emergency Programs), which he helped launch.

Mr. Haven's experience in disaster management began with his time in the military, and while serving as a volunteer firefighter in his community, and now as the VETS team leader. Mr. Haven participated in various capacities to include Incident Management Team General Staff during Hurricanes Charley, Frances, Jeanne, and Wilma and during the Equine Herpes disease outbreak in South Florida. He has coordinated several statewide training workshops, exercises, and deployments.

Mr. Haven completed Agricultural Emergency Response Training from the Center for Domestic Preparedness, and the E-449 Incident Command System Train the Trainer course qualifying him to teach the ICS courses. As a volunteer firefighter, he completed the Hazmat awareness course as

well as a basic firefighter and medical first responder. During his time in the military, he was annually trained in nuclear, chemical, and biological hazards.

Mr. Haven is a Florida licensed CPA (Certified Public Accountant), and has a Master's Degree in Accounting Information Systems from the University of Florida and a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from the University of Florida. He has an Associate of Arts Degree from Santa Fe Community College and an Associate of Science in both Nuclear Medicine and in Diagnostic Radiography from the Community College of the Air Force.

Mr. Haven's disaster response interest stems from his Air Force experience as part of a human Air Transportable Hospital, and from being a volunteer firefighter. He was the college director in June 2004, when the state called requesting the college to assist during Hurricane Charlie. After leading the college's responses to Hurricanes Charlie, Frances and Jeanne, he organized a formal response team consisting of faculty, staff, and students, "VETS," and raised funds to purchase equipment and provide training. The team has since responded to Hurricane Wilma, the Buggaboo Fires, and an Equine Herpes disease outbreak. In Sept 2007, he helped launch Vet Corps, which is the statewide reserve corps of veterinarians and technicians. Both programs are partnerships between the college, the State Veterinarian's office, and the Florida Veterinary Medical Association. He helped found the National Alliance of State Animal and Agricultural Emergency Programs. His experience in disaster response includes being part of the general and command staffs. He contributed to the Florida 2008 Domestic Security Strategic Plan.



Thomas J. Holt, D.V.M.

Dr. Holt joined the Department as the State Veterinarian and Director of the Division of Animal Industry in 2004, after retiring from the U. S. Department of Agriculture. He has more than 35 years of experience managing and leading animal disease prevention, control and eradication efforts.

Significant animal health accomplishments in Florida include leading Division efforts in controlling outbreaks of Equine Piroplasmiasis and the Equine Herpes virus and the management of a sudden death event of 21 polo ponies at an international competition. He also has led the Division in preparedness and response to other serious diseases that threaten animal and public health in Florida, as well as providing oversight to our

emergency response to the multiple hurricanes impacting Florida in 2004 and 2005. As a USDA veterinarian and manager, Dr. Holt led a federal task force in the successful eradication of the last major outbreak of Avian Influenza in the United States and was successful in leading surveillance and control efforts for a number of other foreign and emerging diseases as the Federal Director of Field Operations for the eastern United States. In these efforts, he has worked throughout the United States and in several foreign countries.

Dr. Holt earned BS and DVM degrees from Cornell University, successfully completed requirements for the Federal Senior Executive Services, and obtained a Top Secret security clearance as a federal employee.



Art Johnstone

Art Johnstone serves as the Director of the Office of Agricultural Emergency Preparedness for the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, a position he has held since 2004. This office is responsible for coordinating and expanding the Department's agro-terrorism prevention and emergency preparedness programs.

On the interagency level, Art serves as a liaison to the Florida State Working Group on Domestic Preparedness. This group consists of subject matter experts from all of Florida's

emergency response disciplines, and serves as an advisory body for statewide Homeland Security decisions. He also serves as Chair of Florida's Agriculture and Environment Funding Committee, one of ten committees in Florida that provide advice on allocations for Florida's Department of Homeland Security grant funding.

A 1988 graduate of Miami University of Ohio, Mr. Johnstone earned a Bachelor's Degree in Biological Science Education.



Gwen L. K. Keenan

Ms. Keenan is the Chief of the Bureau of Preparedness in the Florida Division of Emergency Management (DEM). She joined the Division in January 2009. Ms. Keenan has a distinguished 20-year record of military service, retiring as a U. S. Coast Guard Commander in 2007. As the Preparedness Chief, Ms. Keenan leads the Planning, Training and Exercise and Technical Hazards Sections. Her team's mission is ensuring the all-hazards readiness of the state through planning, training and exercise, (e.g. hurricane readiness, domestic security exercises as well as state and county plan development and maintenance). The bureau also ensures regulatory compliance through the State Emergency Response Commission, which

administers the federal Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Act, Florida Hazardous Materials Emergency Response and Community Right-To-Know Act, and the Florida Accidental Release Prevention and Risk Management Planning Act. During incidents, Ms. Keenan serves as the deputy chief of the State Emergency Response Team and Emergency Operations Center. While with Florida DEM, Ms. Keenan has been forward deployed to Miami to coordinate the repatriation response for Operation Haiti Relief (the January 2010 Haitian earthquake). She also served as Florida's primary incident commander for the Deepwater Horizon Oil spill at the Unified Command in Mobile, Alabama. Ms. Keenan served 24 years in the United States Coast Guard; the majority of her career was in Florida operations,

including search and rescue and maritime law enforcement. From 1994 to 1996, Ms. Keenan commanded Coast Guard Cutter BARANOF through two mass migrations, also serving in the lead force in the Haitian intervention of 1994. As the Operations Chief for Group Miami, she coordinated Coast Guard security for the ports of Miami, Fort Lauderdale and Palm Beach in the wake of 9/11. Ms. Keenan oversaw responses to drug smuggling throughout the Caribbean and eastern Pacific at the Joint Interagency Task Force (JIATF) South, playing a significant part in several consecutive years of record maritime

cocaine seizures. Ms. Keenan was involved in the hurricane responses for Hurricane Andrew as well as the storms of the 2004 and 2005 seasons. She graduated from the United States Coast Guard Academy in 1987, with a Bachelor of Science in Government, and received her Master's of Arts in Journalism and Public Relations from the University of Maryland in 1997. She is also a freelance writer, publishing in *Naval History*, *Midwest Poetry Review*, *FloridaBookReview.com*, and *The Coast Guard Alumni Bulletin*.

Joe Kight

Mr. Kight is the Emergency Support Function (ESF) 17 Coordinator. He is responsible for coordinating and directing emergency preparedness and response for the Division of Animal Industry, and is the emergency point of contact for the Division. His involvement in the development of emergency management programs began in the aftermath of Hurricane Andrew in 1992.

Mr. Kight received his BS degree with a major in Agricultural Education and Extension from the University of Florida in 1974. Following graduation, he worked with the Volusia County School Board, Florida Farm Bureau and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Mr. Kight began work with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services in February 1985.

Cecilia O. Patella

Education & Certifications
BS, Business Management
AAS, Early Childhood Education
Florida Professional Emergency Manager (FPEM)
Certified Disaster Recovery Planner (CDRP)
Project Management Professional (PMP),
Project Management Institute

Ms. Patella started with Hernando County in 2005 as a Mitigation and Recovery

Coordinator in the Emergency Management Department. She was appointed the County's Emergency Management Director in 2008. Before joining Hernando County, Ms. Patella spent 14 years with Dreyfus/ Mellon Financial Corporation in New York City as the Corporate Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity Program Coordinator.

David Perry

Mr. Perry has been employed with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Animal Industry for 30 years.

Mr. Perry has served the Department and Florida SART as the incident commander for 8 hurricanes, training responders, and giving

presentations concerning agriculture and animal issues. He and 8 other team members were deployed to Mississippi to respond to Ag and Animal issues in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. Also, he and 5 other team members were deployed to Texas in the aftermath of Hurricane Ike in 2008.



Joel Richmond

Employed with Manatee County Animal Services since 1999

Animal Services Officer from 1999-2008

Animal Services Enforcement Supervisor from 2008-Present

Manatee County EOC, ESF-17 staff member during declared emergencies from 2008-Present

ESF-17 field team member assisting in preparation and staffing of pet friendly shelters from 2003-2008

Participated in FEMA's Integrated Emergency Management Course in Emmitsburg, Maryland, January 2010



Kendra Stauffer, D.V.M.

Ms. Stauffer joined the staff of USDA/ APHIS/VS Florida Area Office July, 2010 as the Area Emergency Coordinator. She was previously at Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Bacterial Zoonoses Branch, from 2008-2010 as an Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer where she worked with Brucellosis, Tuberculosis, Melioidosis and Leptospirosis. She joined the USDA, Veterinary Services agency in 2004 as a Veterinary Medical Officer where she worked with several regulatory diseases such

as Tuberculosis, Brucellosis, and Chronic Wasting Disease. She also served as an Area Emergency Coordinator in the northeast preparing her territory for "All Hazards, Any Time" with a focus on agro-terrorism. She was in private practice for five years prior to joining the USDA. She has volunteered with Heifer International Honduras as well as local SPCAs. She has a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from the University of Florida. She is also a Diplomate of The American College of Veterinary Preventative Medicine.



Paul Studivant

Division Chief

16 years with St. Johns County Animal Control

Current President, Florida Animal Control Association

ESF-17 Coordinator, St. Johns County Large and Small Animal Rescue Certified Cruelty Investigator through HSUS NDART member with HSUS

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