2019 SART PLANNING CONFERENCE

May 29 - 31, 2019

Program

St. Pete Beach, FL
Sirata Beach Resort Conference Center,
Majestic Palm 2nd Floor
On behalf of the Florida State Agricultural Response Team (SART), I would like to welcome you to our 2019 SART Planning Conference! We are very excited to bring you this year’s conference program focused on providing you with preparedness, response, and recovery resources. But not just any resources. We are specifically providing you with animal care and agricultural resources that you can integrate into your disaster planning.

Much has happened over the last several years. Hurricanes Hermine, Matthew, Irma, Maria, and Michael necessitated a significant animal and agricultural response for our state. Mass evacuation resulted in over 21,000 pets sheltered and over 100 pet-friendly shelters in Hurricane Irma alone; over 3 million acres were treated for mosquito control; hundreds of responders provided critical assessment and supply relief for animal health and safety needs; and Florida experienced overwhelming losses of over $5 billion in value to its production agriculture in just a few storms. Don’t forget about diseases in Florida like Zika and New World Screwworm that also necessitated hundreds of responders and thousands of hours to protect public health and wildlife. It takes a team to pull this off.

These events emphasized that resources and capabilities must be shared by multiple agencies to achieve a coordinated and efficient response; it required strong collaboration between our nongovernmental organizations, local, state, and federal governments. By pooling our experiences and resources, SART has 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. Our Florida SART partners want to share those resources with you.

During this conference, I invite you to meet with our SART leaders and experts in the fields of animal care and agriculture, learn about their resources available to you, and how to utilize these resources before, during and after a disaster. We hope you enjoy the conference.

Sincerely,

LeiAnna Tucker
Co-Emergency Coordinating Officer, Emergency Support Function 17
Administrator, Florida SART
Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

Purpose of conference

Sponsored by the Florida State Agricultural Response Team (SART), the 2019 SART Planning Conference is a statewide conference serving Florida’s county emergency management professionals and SART partner agencies. The purpose of the conference is to present a statewide forum where SART leaders and experts in the fields of animal care and agriculture can share best practices and resources for integrating animal care and agriculture into disaster planning.
**Ben Burns**  
Major, Office of Agricultural Law Enforcement, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services  
Section Commander over Domestic Security, Intelligence and Analysis, Emergency Response.

**Zachary Conlin**  
Bureau Chief of Dairy Industry, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services  
Regulates Grade “A” and Manufacturing grade dairy production and processing in the state of Florida.

**Laura Bevan**  
Southeast Regional Director, The Humane Society of the United States  
Laura has been involved in disaster planning and response in Florida since Hurricane Andrew in 1992, including the development of the state’s first disaster plan for animals and the concept and promotion of pet-friendly shelters.

**Greg Christy**  
Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services  
State Emergency Support Function 17 Co-Emergency Coordinating Officer.

**Lisa Conti**  
Director of Strategic Initiatives and Chief Science Officer  
Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services  
Remain curious.
**Brenton Cox**  
Region IV Emergency Coordinator, United States Department of Agriculture, APHIS, Animal Care

Brenton has been with the government since 2004 and works as Federal Emergency and Disaster Response Plans Chief and Coordinator during federally declared events.

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**Lawrence Garcia, DVM**  
Medical Director, University of Florida Veterinary Emergency Treatment Service Team

Dr. Garcia is trained in field triage, treatment, surgery, and hospitalization of small domestic animals.

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**Consie von Gontard**  
Director, Florida State Animal Response Coalition

Consie von Gontard has 15yrs experience in Emergency Animal Sheltering in the U.S. and internationally, her disaster response experience includes everything from hurricanes and tsunamis to a volcano.

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**Lynn Grattan**  
Professor of Neurology, Epidemiology and Public Health, University of Maryland School of Medicine

Dr. Grattan is a neuropsychologist and researcher of coastal communities in distress.

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**Kevin Guthrie**  
Deputy Director, Florida Division of Emergency Management

Appointed by Governor Ron DeSantis as Deputy Director of FDEM, Kevin’s primary focus is coordinating efforts among all state agencies, counties, and municipalities in dealing with natural and man-made disasters to ensure that all of Florida is prepared for whatever may come in the future.
Mary Hartney  
President, Florida Fertilizer & Agrichemical Association  
Passionate Ag-vocate for fertilizer and pesticide companies helping Florida growers succeed.

Dr. Matt Hersom  
Associate Professor and Extension Beef Cattle Specialist, UF/IFAS  
Associate Professor and Extension Beef Cattle Specialist at UF/IFAS and co-director of the Livestock Education and Certification for Agriculture Law Enforcement (LECALE) program.

Dusty Holley  
Director of Field Services, Florida Cattlemen’s Association  
Dusty Holley is a seventh generation Floridian, whose family has had cattle in the state since the 1820’s, a graduate of the University of Florida, and a former Senior Policy Advisor in Washington, D.C.

Colleen C. Larson  
Regional Dairy Extension Agent, UF/IFAS  
Colleen provides dairy extension programs, agri-tourism activities, and participates in research on dairies in south central Florida.

Robert King  
RLKINGTRAINING, LLC  
“The needs of the many outweigh the needs of the few or the one” — Spock.
Angie Lindsey
Assistant Professor, University of Florida

Angie B. Lindsey is an assistant professor in the Department of Family, Youth and Community Sciences working within the PIE Center.

Saqib Mukhtar
Associate Dean for UF/IFAS Extension

Dr. Saqib Mukhtar is the Associate Dean and Ag Program Leader at UF/IFAS Extension and an Agricultural Engineer by training.

Anita Neal
Southeast District Extension Director, UF/IFAS Extension

Subtly charming communicator and problem solver.

Tim Perciful
Disaster Response Manager, ASPCA

Tim works across the country helping organizations improve their disaster response capabilities for animals, and he responds nationally to assist with animals impacted by disasters.

Cathie Perkins
Director, Pinellas County Emergency Management

Working in fields of emergency management, consulting and firefighter/paramedic over the years since 1993.
**Brandi Phillips**
Animal Technical Rescue Branch Director, UF Veterinary Emergency Treatment Service

Ms. Phillips is trained in several technical rescue disciplines and leads animal technical rescue training and response for the UF VETS Team.

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**Heidi Radunovich**
Associate Professor, Extension Specialist and Licensed Psychologist, University of Florida/IFAS

Dr. Radunovich is a licensed psychologist and faculty member at UF with expertise in rural and disaster mental health.

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**Rich Russell**
EM Coordinator, Hernando County Emergency Management

Organizer of the Hernando County Large Animal Technical Rescue Team, responsible for planning the multi-year training, designing the specialized response trailer, and purchasing the required equipment.

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**Michael Short, D.V.M.**
State Veterinarian and Division Director of Animal Industry, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

Appointed by former Commissioner Adam Putnam, Dr. Short is responsible for the department’s animal disease control and prevention efforts, which include investigating outbreaks, providing laboratory diagnostics and containing the spread of animal diseases.

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**Paul Studivant**
Division Manager, St Johns County Animal Control, Florida Animal Control Association

Believe in yourself and believe in your team.
**Hyatt Sudano**  
Environmental Manager, Agricultural Environmental Services, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services  
Has served as Environmental Manager in the Bureau of Inspection and Incident Response since 2015 and assisted with vector control activities following Hurricanes Irma and Michael.

**Justin Teuton**  
District Director, United States Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency (FSA)  
Served as the Acting State Executive Director, Farm Loan Chief, and District Director for Florida/USVI while overseeing multiple disasters throughout Florida/USVI.

**LeiAnna Tucker**  
SART Administrator and Co-Emergency Coordinating Officer for ESF 17, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services  
LeiAnna is dedicated to strengthening all-hazard disaster capabilities through partnerships to support an effective and coordinated incident response for the animal and agricultural sectors in the state of Florida.

**Suzy Wilburn**  
Director, Admissions & Alumni Support - Southeastern Guide Dogs  
Providing guide dogs for visually impaired and blind individuals, as well as service dogs for Veterans with disabilities.

**Summer Williams**  
Emergency Response Coordinator, Division of Food Safety, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services  
Ensures Florida’s food supply is safe for consumption after a disaster strikes.
Day 1, May 29
1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. (Half Day)

Preparedness

9:30am – 5:00
REGISTRATION
(Conference Center, Majestic Palm 2nd Floor)

1:00- 1:10 10 min  Call to Order
LeiAnna Tucker, SART Administrator and Co-ECO for ESF 17.
Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

1:10 - 1:30 20 min  Welcome from Pinellas County
(Invited) Cathie Perkins, Director, Pinellas County
Emergency Management
Greetings from Florida Department of
Agriculture and Consumer Services
(Invited) On behalf of Commissioner Nikki Fried’s office,
Dr. Lisa Conti, Director of Strategic Initiatives

1:30 - 3:00 1 ½ hrs  Multiagency Coordination Groups and How to
Create a County ESF 17 Plan*
Robert King, Blue Skies Professional Services
*A keynote address on the benefits of forming a multiagency coordination
(MAC) group in your county. Learn how to use your MAC group for developing
animal and agricultural preparedness/response plans. This seminar will guide
participants through an example of a large animal response plan.

3:00 - 3:15 15 min  BREAK

3:15 - 4:15 1 hr  Panel Discussion on Disaster Preparedness for Cattle Operations
Moderator:  Dr. Saqib Mukhtar, UF/IFAS
Panel:  Colleen Larson, UF/IFAS
Zachary Conlin, FDACS
Dusty Holley, Florida Cattlemen’s Association
This panel of selected SART partners will share personal experiences about
what happens on dairy and cattle farms during hurricane and non-hurricane
emergencies. The panel will give insight into the challenges faced, listen to the
experiences of industry peers and leaders, and contribute to the policy discussion
on what can be done to help their dairy and cattle producers that will shape the
future of agricultural preparedness.

4:15 - 5:00 45 min  Pet-Friendly Sheltering “Hot Topic”
Suzy Wilburn, Southeastern Guide Dogs
Paul Studivant, Florida Animal Control Association
What is and what is not a Service Animal, Assistance Animal, Emotional Support
Animal, and Comfort Animal? How does this affect your emergency sheltering
and planning?

5:30 – 7:00  Evening Reception – Sponsored by the
Florida State Animal Response Coalition
The Breezeway Deck at the Sirata. (see map #27)
### Day 1, May 29

#### 8:00-8:15 15 min
**Opening Remarks**

*(Invited) Dr. Mike Short, State Veterinarian/Director, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services*

#### 8:15 - 9:15 1 hr
**How do you utilize volunteer resources?**

- **Consie von Gontard, Florida State Animal Response Coalition (Florida SARC)**
- **Tim Perciful, American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA)**
- **Laura Bevan, The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS)**

Get to know some of Florida’s leading animal service organizations and what they can do for you during a disaster.

#### 9:15 - 9:45 30 min
**How do you utilize local resources?**

- **Anita Neal, UF/IFAS**

Get to know your county’s UF/IFAS Extension and what they can do for you during a disaster.

#### 9:45 - 10:00 15 min
**How do you utilize state resources?**

- **LeiAnna Tucker, ESF 17/FDACS and SART**

Learn about state resources for food adulteration events, vector control, veterinary emergency services, and animal technical rescue.

#### 10:00 - 10:30 30 min
**BREAK**

#### 10:30 - 11:30 1 hr
**How do you utilize state resources? (continued)**

- **Summer Williams, Food Safety, FDACS**
- **Hyatt Sudano, Mosquito Control Incident Response Team, FDACS**
- **Dr. Lawrence Garcia and Brandi Phillips, University of Florida, College of Veterinary Medicine**

#### 11:30 - 12:00 30 min
**How do you utilize federal resources?**

- **Brenton Cox, FEMA Region IV Emergency Coordinator, United States Department of Agriculture**

#### 12:00 - 1:30 1 ½ hr
**LUNCH (On your own)**

#### 1:30 - 2:30 60 min
**Agroterrorism Threats**

- **Major Ben Burns, Office of Agricultural Law Enforcement, FDACS**
- **Mary Hartney, Florida Fertilizer & Agrichemical Association**

Learn about Florida’s agricultural law enforcement, agroterrorism threats and ResponsibleAg.

#### 2:30 - 3:00 30 min
**Biosecurity & You: Animal Abuse vs. Animal Disease**

- **Dr. Matt Hersom, UF/IFAS**

*A keynote address on how to respond to animal disease and farm-level biosecurity issues. This seminar will give a basic introduction about animal disease, farm-level biosecurity issues and animal handling for responders active in animal disease inspection, public health, law enforcement, and more.

#### 3:00 - 3:30 30 min
**BREAK – Ice Cream Social – Sponsored by ASPCA**

#### 3:30 - 4:15 45 min
**Biosecurity and You: Animal Abuse vs. Animal Disease** *(continued)*

#### 4:15 - 5:00 45 min
**Animal Technical Rescue Equipment Demonstration**

- **Rich Russell, Hernando County Emergency Management**
- **Brandi Phillips, UF College of Veterinary Medicine**
Day 3, May 31  
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (Half Day)

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<td>Debris Removal: Animal Carcass Disposal&lt;br&gt;Dr. Greg Christy, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services&lt;br&gt;Animal carcass disposal can create some of the greatest logistical and health related problems in managing large-scale disaster events affecting animals. This presentation will discuss the large-scale animal carcass disposal issues in Florida and provide information on disposal guidance and additional resources.</td>
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<td>Disaster Assistance Programs&lt;br&gt;Justin Teuton, United States Department of Agriculture, Farm Service Agency&lt;br&gt;USDA offers a variety of programs and services to help communities, farmers, ranchers, and businesses that have been hard hit by Hurricanes Irma, Harvey, Maria and other natural disaster events. Learn about these disaster assistance programs at a glance.</td>
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<td>Mental Health First Aid for Disaster Responders: An Overview*&lt;br&gt;Dr. Lynn Grattan, University of Maryland, School of Medicine&lt;br&gt;Dr. Heidi Radunovich, UF/IFAS&lt;br&gt;Dr. Angela Lindsey, UF/IFAS&lt;br&gt;*A keynote address on how to assist emergency responders to recognize and cope with their own emotional/mental health during and after disasters.</td>
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