

**BREVARD COUNTY  
LARGE ANIMAL  
EMERGENCY RESPONSE  
PLAN**

Where it all began.....

# 2013 SART Planning Meeting



# Where do we start?

- Meetings with stakeholders (Who are they?)
- What should we include in the plan?
- What are our current assets?
- Do we need training? YES!
- Do we need equipment to implement plan?
- MONEY????

# Stakeholders

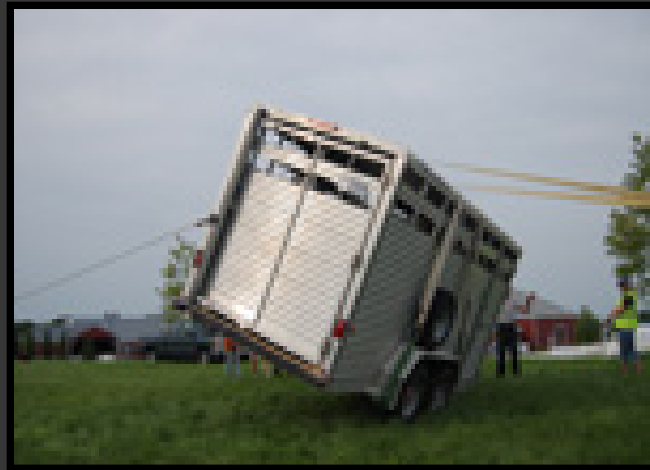
- Animal Services
- Fire Department (Special Operations/HAZMAT)
- Large Animal Veterinarians
- 911
- Local Ag Extension office
- Law Enforcement (Ag Marine)
- FDOT
- Public Works
- Carrier
- Owner

# Plan

The objective of the plan was to develop a framework for local law enforcement, first responders, and emergency management to be used to appropriately address emergency response to large animal incidents

# Plan Development

- ◎ RESEARCH! RESEARCH! RESEARCH!
- ◎ Talk to leaders in the field
- ◎ Work with your local stakeholders
- ◎ Write, review, re-write until you get it right!



# What is in the Plan?

Tips and Disclaimer

Emergency Contact Sheet

## Section 1

Introduction

## Section 2

General Animal Behavior

## Section 3

Proper Livestock Handling

## Section 4

Species Specific Behavior and Handling

## Section 5

Trailer Accidents

## Section 6

Containment

## Section 7

Decision About Re-Loading Injured or Compromised Animals

## Section 8

Mud and Unstable Surfaces

## Section 9

Livestock Injury and Pain Analysis

## Section 10

Euthanasia:

Appendix 1 – Cattle/Calves

Appendix 2 – Deer

Appendix 3 – Horses

Appendix 4 – Pigs

Appendix 6 – Poultry

Appendix 7 – (Ostrich/Emus)

Appendix 8 – Equine and Cattle External Anatomy

Appendix 9 – County Livestock Contacts

Appendix 10 – Dispatcher Decision Tree

Appendix 11 – Trailer Extrication Tools

# Training

- ◎ TLAER Awareness Level
- ◎ TLAER Operations Level
- ◎ If you have the equipment, you need to know how to use it!



Brevard County hosted Operations Level training through the University of Florida, for animal services and first responders. This assisted us further in solidifying our plan and response.



# Equipment

- ◎ FL SART Regional Equipment
  - LATR Trailers are located in 6 of the 7 regions within the state
  - All LATR trailers have the same equipment

**CONSISTENCY IN EQUIPMENT IS  
IMPORTANT!**

# Where we are today.....

After working hard at developing a plan, coordinating and getting training, we needed the trailer and equipment.

Consistency in equipment, again, is important, so we built our trailer based on the exact list of items that are located within the regional trailers.

# How did we do it?

- Obtained the list of technical rescue equipment that was used to stock the regional trailers
- Researched and requested quotes (recognizing that the items had to remain the same, no substitutes)
- Looked for funding (Brevard County utilized EMPA and HAZMAT grant dollars)

# How did we do it?

Brevard County was able to purchase a trailer and outfit it with Large Animal Technical Rescue equipment for approximately \$18,000

*(Equipment includes A Frame and Bi-pod, Becker Sling, Nicopolous needle, etc)*

We are now better prepared and trained to respond to large animal incidents within our county as well promoting interoperability of responders across county lines and throughout the state during a response.



# QUESTIONS?

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