ESF 17 and the Florida State Agricultural Response Team

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Introductions to Emergency Programs

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Emergency Support Function 17 (ESF 17)

- FDACS is the lead agency for ESF 17.
  - Chapter 252, Florida Statutes (Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan)

- ESF 17 mission: Coordinate the state’s response for animals (livestock, companion animals, exotic, and wildlife), agricultural and vector control issues during an emergency or disaster situation.

- ESF 17 is a very broad mission area.
State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC)
Local Emergency First. County Responsibility to Respond

County requests assistance from the SEOC.

SEOC assigns request to ESF 17 (mission request).

ESF 17 coordinates request and provides assistance to the county.

Until the county’s resources are exhausted or beyond the capability/responsibility of the county.
Florida State Agricultural Response Team

• ESF 17 coordinates mission requests with SART partners

• SART mission
What is SART?

• **Statutory Authority for SART** (Section 252.3569, Florida Statutes)

• **Multi-Agency Coordination (MAC) GROUP**
  • Policy guidance + Resource Prioritization = MAC Group

• **Consists of 25+ partner agencies**
  • Federal, state and NGOs partner agencies.

• **Supports ESF 17 preparedness and response**
  • Provides resources (personnel, volunteers, equipment, etc.).
  • Provides technical assistance and subject matter experts.
  • Coordinates information and communication flow.
  • Prioritizes response actions.
Who is SART?

• Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
• University of Florida/Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences
• University of Florida/College of Veterinary Medicine
• Extension Disaster Education Network
• USDA/Farm Service Agency
• USDA/APHIS Animal Care
• USDA/APHIS Veterinary Services
• USDA/APHIS/Wildlife Services
• Florida Department of Health
• Florida Farm Bureau Federation
• Florida Veterinary Medical Association
• Florida Animal Control Association
• Florida Nursery, Growers and Landscape Association
• Southern Plant Diagnostic Network
• Florida Cattlemen's Association
• Florida Association of Kennel Clubs
• Florida Fertilizer and Agrichemical Association
• Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
• American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
• Florida Wildlife Rehabilitators Association
• Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association
• Florida State Animal Response Coalition
• Florida Veterinary Technician Association
• Southeast Milk, Incorporated
• Humane Society of the United States
• American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
SART = Team
SART Supports Counties

• Counties must address agriculture, animal and vector control incident response issues, but may not have the resources needed.

• SART responds to counties’ requests for assistance through the cooperative efforts of its partner agencies.

• SART “fills a gap” for ESF 17 incident response at the local and state level.

• Annual ESF 17 County Meetings

• SART Planning Conferences
SART Supports Trainings

• Incident Command System (ICS) Training
• Tactical Response Training and Exercises
• Specialized training
SART Supports Response Teams

- ESF 17 Incident Management Team (IMT)
- Veterinary Emergency Response
- Animal Sheltering
- Animal Rescue, and much more!
SART-Supported Equipment

• Animal Sheltering Equipment
  • Mobile Animal Response Equipment (MARE) Unit

• Livestock Trailers

• Livestock Panels
  • Animal Technical Rescue Equipment
Florida SART Website
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