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About Florida SART

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- SART provides preparedness and response resources for Emergency Support Function 17 [(ESF 17) Animal and Agricultural Issues].
- SART statutory authority
  - State Emergency Management Act (Section 252.3569, Florida Statutes)

SART Mission

Empower Floridians through training and resource coordination to enhance all-hazard disaster planning and response for animal and agricultural issues.

SART Goals

- Support the county, regional and state emergency management efforts and incident management teams.
- Identify county resources available for animal and/or agricultural issues.
- Promote the cooperation and exchange of information of interested state, county and civic agencies.
Specific Learning Objectives

At the end of this training module, participants will be able to:

- Identify reasons why Florida is at risk for disasters.
- Identify and describe the disasters that may strike the state.
- List the agencies that coordinate and/or participate in emergency and disaster response.
- Discuss the problems associated with these separate agencies responding and planning.
- Cite the mission, concept and goal of the SART program.
- Identify key resources available for use.
Resources

The following are sources of additional information about the subjects mentioned in this introduction.

**Florida Division of Emergency Management**
http://www.floridadisaster.org

**SART**
http://www.flsart.org
Visit this Web site for updates and training materials.

**United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)**
http://www.usda.gov

**Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS)**
http://www.freshfromflorida.com

**Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)**
http://www.fema.gov

**IFAS Disaster Handbook**
http://disaster.ifas.ufl.edu

**National Agricultural Safety Database (NASD)**
http://nasdonline.org/

**Florida AgSafe**
http://www.flagsafe.ufl.edu

**General seaport and airport information**
http://www.dot.state.fl.us/aviation

**Tourism Statistics**
https://www.visitflorida.org/resources/research/

**Florida Agriculture Brochures and Publications**
https://www.freshfromflorida.com/Forms-Publications/

**Florida Hurricanes and Tropical Storms 1871-2001**
Book by John M. William and Iver W. Duedall
Resources, continued

Extension Disaster Education Network (EDEN)
http://www.agctr.lsu.edu/eden

FEMA On-line Courses
On-line training courses from the Emergency Management Institute (EMI) are available at no cost on the FEMA Web site:
http://training.fema.gov

CEU certificates are available.

Especially useful may be the *Introduction to CERT (Community Emergency Response Teams)*, IS-317. It provides background information on the concept of community members being able to work together during a disaster. Access this course at:

<http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/is317.asp>.

Other courses which might be useful with this module include:

- Role of Voluntary Agencies in Emergency Management (IS-288)
- Introduction to Community Emergency Response Teams (IS-317)
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Florida Agriculture at Risk

Florida has been called an agricultural “sentinel state” because if a foreign animal or plant disease introduction or agroterrorism event occurs in the United States... 

...there is a good chance it will occur FIRST IN FLORIDA!

Florida’s borders are truly porous:
• 14 major seaports
• 109 general airfields
• 20 commercial airports
• 25 military airfields
• Over 300 private airports
Florida Agriculture at Risk

- Florida ranked second in the nation (2016) for airline passenger volume with over 168.7 million passengers.
- Over 112 million tourists visited Florida in 2016 – 10% of these are from foreign countries and Canada.

Florida Agriculture at Risk

- Florida operates 23 Agricultural Interdiction Stations located on highways across North Florida.
- Over 11 million commercial and private cargo trucks pass through and/or are screened per year.

Florida Agriculture at Risk

- More storms hit Florida than any other U.S. state.
- 40% of all U.S. hurricanes hit Florida.
- 79 tropical or subtropical cyclones have affected Florida since the year 2000.
Florida Agriculture at Risk

- Florida is a high-risk state for flood, drought and wildfires

Agents that can be introduced, transmitted and/or created by people pose a significant risk
- Anthrax
- Foot-and-mouth disease

Agriculture in Florida has an annual economic impact of $120 billion — This important industry faces great risks from potential natural and man-made disasters.
Deficiencies Identified

• Emergency management and planning, as it relates to state agricultural issues, are shared between several cooperating — and often competing — agencies.
• These agencies often duplicate efforts and compete for a limited pool of emergency management resources and funding.

Deficiencies Identified

• There is a significant gap in the cooperation and communication between agencies and counties, as it relates to agricultural emergency management.

The Solution...SART
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Who is SART?

SART Partner Agencies

- 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
- United States Department of Agriculture (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
- Florida Aquaculture Association
- American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
- Florida Wildlife Rehabilitation Association
- Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association
- Florida State Animal Response Coalition
- Florida Veterinary Technicians Association
- Southeast MILK, Inc.
- Humane Society of the United States

Florida Division of Emergency Management

- Director appointed by the Governor of Florida.
- State Emergency Management Act
  - Chapter 252, Florida Statutes
- Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP)
  - Provides guidance to state and local officials on procedures, organization and responsibilities.
  - Adopts a functional approach that combines the types of assistance to be provided under each ESF.
Florida Division of Emergency Management

State emergency operations
• 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
• In all 67 counties
• Manages the State Watch Office, Operations Center and the State Emergency Response Team (SERT)

SART Organization

• SART operates at the state, regional and county levels.
• SART supports existing emergency management plans.

SART at the County Level

• SART promotes the establishment of an ESF 17 coordinator in each county who will be responsible for all animal and agricultural issues in their county.
• SART holds annual meetings with all 67 counties to identify ESF 17 county resources and risks for emergency management planning.
• SART provides training to all SART partner agencies and ESF 17 incident management team personnel.
SART at the Regional Level

- Seven regions, same as Division of Emergency Management state divisions
- Counties within these regions will:
  - Share resources within the region.
  - Participate during trainings and exercises.
  - Participate in mutual aid during an incident.
  - Allow well-prepared counties to assist lesser-prepared counties.

SART at the State Level

- SART partner agencies will:
  - Meet on a routine basis to foster a team approach.
  - Meet as a team to share information and identify state resources and risks for emergency management planning.
  - Be available to the state EOC during an emergency or disaster.
  - Plan, support and participate in annual training.
  - Provide financial support for SART.

SART Training

- Will be provided annually at the county, regional and/or state level.
- Will be prepared and supported by the SART partner agencies.
- Will emphasize hands-on training as much as possible.
SART Training

- Will be provided to:
  - All SART partner agencies
  - Government agency personnel
  - Emergency management personnel
  - Veterinarians
  - Animal and agricultural producers
  - Animal control officers
  - Pet shelter volunteers and personnel
  - Agri-business retailers
  - Disaster Animal Response Teams (DART)
  - Anyone interested in animal or agricultural emergency management issues

Training Module Topics

- Online training modules available on the SART website at www.flsart.org.
- Online training modules include:
  - SART Introduction
  - Livestock and Horses
  - Aquaculture
  - Pets in Disaster
  - Agroterrorism
  - And others.

SART Website

- www.flsart.org
- Sign up to become a member – it’s free.
- Communication bridge between members, SART partner agencies and participating agencies.
- Alert system through which information can be sent to all members.
- Schedule of available training opportunities.
- Online training modules and resource library.
- County-level resource lists for mutual aid.
Key Resources

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Summary

- Disasters common and possible in Florida.
- Deficiencies with the current system of emergency planning and management as it relates to agriculture.
- Need for SART team, its mission and goals.
- Who will become members of SART and who will support its functions.
- How the training for SART will be conducted.
- Resources that are readily available.
Thank You!