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- ◆ CART
- ◆ Fire/Rescue
- ◆ Technical Rescue



Agricultural and Animal Emergency Situations

For Emergency Responders and Dispatchers

MVC Involving Animal Transport

Animals escaped, injured, trapped, dead

- ◆ CART
- ◆ PEMA-Dept of Agriculture
- ◆ PEMA-Dept of Environmental Protection for burial/disposal



Animal Abuse/Neglect

- ◆ Humane Society/Humane Officer
- ◆ Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement
- ◆ Police



Injured Livestock or Poultry

- ◆ CART
- ◆ Penn State Cooperative Extension
- ◆ PEMA



Livestock Behavior/General Farm Assistance

- ◆ Penn State Cooperative Extension
- ◆ Pennsylvania State Farm Bureau



Escaped/Loose Animals – Livestock/Domestic

Assistance needed in safely corralling

- ◆ CART
- ◆ Police



Escaped/Loose/Injured Animals – Wild/Exotic

- ◆ PA Fish & Boat Commission (snakes, reptiles)
- ◆ PA Game Commission
- ◆ Police
- ◆ CART



Snakes or Reptiles (Handling of)

- ◆ Local Animal Control
- ◆ PA Fish and Boat Commission
- ◆ USDA Wildlife Services
- ◆ Pittsburgh Zoo



Suspected Rabies

Victim or family should notify their primary care provider. PA Department of Health will be notified by health facility.

Dog Bites: (1) Police
(2) PA Dept of Agriculture
(3) PA Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement

Wildlife: (1) Police
(2) PA Game Commission
(3) USDA Wildlife Services



Frequently Used Phone Numbers:

PEMA State Emergency Operations Center
717-651-2001 answered 24/7

PA Dept of Agriculture
717-943-3159 emergency 24 hours

PA Dept of Environmental Protection
SW Region 412-442-4000
NW Region 800-373-3398 (24 hours)

PA Game Commission
SW Region 724-238-9523
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USDA Wildlife Services
Harrisburg 717-236-9451
Bolivar (APHIS WS) 724-238-7320

PA Department of Health (SW Region)
724-832-5315



Catastrophic Loss of Poultry or Livestock

- ◆ Penn State Cooperative Extension
- ◆ Notify PEMA
- ◆ Dept of Agriculture/EPA as needed
- ◆ PA Farm Bureau
- ◆ CART



Sheltering

- ◆ CART
- ◆ Local veterinarians
- ◆ Local farms
- ◆ County fairgrounds
- ◆ PA Department of Agriculture



Confined Space or Manure Storage Rescue

DO NOT attempt rescue!

- ◆ Fire/Rescue/Technical Rescue Team
- ◆ HAZMAT Team as needed
- ◆ CART if animal involved



Agro-Terrorism Suspected

- ◆ Police
- ◆ FBI
- ◆ PA Department of Agriculture
- ◆ PA Department of Health
- ◆ Fusion Centers: Region 13 & PSP PACIC



Food Tampering

Treat product as evidence, keep in condition received, isolate from being handled

- ◆ Police
- ◆ Department of Agriculture



Quarantine Enforcement or Stop-Movement Orders

- ◆ Police
- ◆ Notify PEMA
- ◆ PA Department of Agriculture



Decontamination

- ◆ Fire/Rescue/Hazmat
- ◆ CART
- ◆ Notify PEMA
- ◆ PA Department of Agriculture
- ◆ Information resources (CHEMTREC, DEP, etc)



Pesticides and/or Animal Feed Incidents

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Suspected Foreign Disease Outbreak in Animals

- ◆ PA Department of Agriculture
- ◆ APHIS Veterinary Services (USDA)
- ◆ US Animal & Plant Health Inspection Services
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