STRATEGY FOR STAFFING ANIMAL DISEASE EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAMS

Teams
- Surveillance Teams
- Euthanasia Teams
- Disposal Teams
- Cleaning and Disinfectant Teams
- Biosecurity Teams

Sources of Team Staff
- Veterinarians
- Veterinary Technicians/Paramedics
- Industry Experts/Animal Handlers
- Enforcement Officers
- Disposal Specialists

TEAMS

Teams can be compromised of two or more individuals who travel and work together in response to an animal disease outbreak or threat.

Whenever possible, each team should include experts who have prior training specifically for the assigned task. Additional personnel can be recruited and trained in relevant procedures and protocols, depending on the job. Only personnel with prior training should investigate disease and supervise diagnosis, sampling, and euthanasia. Biosecurity training and materials can be more easily provided, even on-site.

SURVEILLANCE TEAMS should consist of
- Veterinarian or veterinary paramedics capable of recognizing the disease and initiating diagnosis
- Animal handlers or experienced staff familiar with farms and livestock and trained in Biosecurity
- Drivers, preferably enforcement officers, to facilitate locating, entering, and quarantining farms

If a highly contagious and pathogenic disease is discovered, members of the team normally
- Cannot go onto another farm for 48 hrs;
- Remain at the infected farm and participate in the protocols there;
- Initiate biosecurity and tracebacks;
- Supervise the arrival of additional support and teams (listed below).
EUTHANASIA TEAMS may include:
  - Veterinarians or veterinary paramedics trained in euthanasia
  - Animal handlers equipped to capture, restrain and move animals
  - Trained slaughter personnel
  - Private contractors
  - Representatives from humane organizations
  - Industry representatives

DISPOSAL TEAMS may include:
  - DEM representatives trained to evaluate sites
  - USDA NRCS trained representatives
  - Heavy equipment operators trained in biosecurity
  - Truck drivers and haulers trained in biosecurity

CLEANING AND DISINFECTION (C&D) TEAMS may include:
  - Hazmat trained teams – local, state, federal
  - Private contractors
  - National Guard
  - RIDART
  - Local public works

BIOSECURITY TEAMS may include:
  - Agriculture staff (trained)
  - Federal Staff (trained)
  - DEM hazmat
  - Local fire department Hazmat responders
  - Private contractors
  - Industry staff

SOURCES OF TEAM STAFF

VETERINARIANS
  - State
  - Federal – USDA
  - Federal VMATS
  - Private practice – RIVMA, RIDART
  - Research/University – URI, Brown, RIHOSP
  - Zoos
  - Military – NG, ARMY, Naval Base

VETERINARY TECHNICIANS/PARAMEDICS
  - State
  - Federal – USDA
  - Federal – VMAT, DMAT
  - Private – RIVMA, RIDART
  - Research University – URI, Brown, RIHOSP
  - Zoos
  - Military – NG, Army, Navy Base
  - Shelter Staff
  - Pound staff
INDUSTRY EXPERTS/ ANIMAL HANDLERS
  Zoos
  University
  Agriculture Council
  RIDART
  Associations
  Slaughter houses
  Livestock Dealers
  Private sector
  Wildlife rehabilitators
  DOH FSIS

ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS
  Animal Control
  Local Police
  State Police
  DEM Enforcement
  USDA FEDERAL investigators
  US F&W
  National Guard
  Biosecurity
  Hazmat teams – Local, State, Federal
  Private security contractors
  Agriculture Staff
  Federal Staff
  VMATS
  EPA Staff
  DOH/FSIS
  Public works

DISPOSAL SPECIALISTS
  DEM Waste, Water, Air etc.
  USDA/NRCS
  DOT
  National Guard
  Private Contractors – Waste haulers heavy equipment
  Private Environmental Contractors
  Public works