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Emergency Response Training for Livestock Transport



May 11th & 12th, 2018

Calhoun County Fairgrounds

720 Fair St.
Marshall, MI 49068

Emergency Response to Livestock Transport Trailer Rollover Accidents

Preparing emergency responders, law enforcement & others to respond to accidents involving animals haulers.

Following several livestock truck rollovers over the last few years in Michigan and adjacent states, Michigan State University Extension along with the Michigan Department of Agriculture and local Farm Bureau organizations recognized the need to have a network of trained people across the state to respond to these accidents. These trained people will then act as advisers and assist first responders and emergency response personnel when these events occur and livestock need to be rescued from overturned trailers.

Most first responders lack training in handling large livestock and may not be familiar with aspects of farm animal behavior, livestock trucks, euthanasia methods and the many different people who need to be notified and involved in the response. Improperly handled livestock, especially those which are loose, can be a risk to responders, the public and a company's public relations.

MSU Extension has designed a comprehensive 2-day training that provides extensive education, advice and guidance on managing the scene of a rollover. Certification of completion will be issued for all program attendees from the program speaker, Jennifer Woods.

Program Topics

Rollover accident factors
Communication and chain of command
Animal handling and welfare considerations
Trailer design and proper extrication of animals from a livestock transport trailer rollover accident
Transfer to rescue trucks
Emergency response plans
Human health and public relations
Response to injured animals and humane euthanasia

Featured Speakers

Jennifer Woods is a livestock handling specialist with over 25 years of experience in the livestock industry. Her areas of expertise include animal handling and behavior, livestock emergency response and livestock transportation.

Dr. Tim Barman is a veterinarian from Ohio working with Cooper Farms in emergency management response for poultry and swine.

Roger Lennartz oversees the emergency management team at Cooper Farms and is a volunteer firefighter.

Program Format

Day One

Emergency Scene Responders & Managers

8:30 a.m. Registration

9:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m. Program

The focus of this day will be managing the scene of an accident, organizing volunteers and working to ensure human health, public safety and animal welfare. Participants will learn about extrication of trapped animals, management of a rollover accident incident, chain of command, response to injured animals, and humane euthanasia techniques.

Day Two

Responding to an Accident

(1st responders, paid on-call, volunteers & others)

9:30 a.m. Registration

Morning session: 10:00 a.m. —1:00 p.m.

Various topics regarding responding to a livestock transporter accident will be discussed, including photos and videos from past events.

Afternoon session: 1:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m.

Hands-on, specialized training that focuses on stressed animal handling and behavior, extrication techniques and rescue.

Program Registration and Cost

To register please go to:

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/LivestockRolloverTraining/>

Day One—Full Day

\$75.00—Includes meals, snacks & resources

Day Two—Half Day

\$30.00—Includes meals, snacks & resources (discounts available for 3 and more responders from the same unit)

Accommodations for persons with disabilities may be requested by contacting Beth Ferry at franzeli@msu.edu by May 5th, 2018 to make arrangements. Requests received after this date will be fulfilled when possible.