

2008 Regional Agriculture Awareness Workshop EMERGENCY TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Minnesota Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management

https://www.dps.state.mn.us/dhsem/hsem_training/hsemIndex.asp

Training and educational opportunities for Homeland Security and Emergency Management professionals, their staffs, allied organizations and individuals working together in emergencies and disasters to save lives and protect the property of the citizens of Minnesota.

Federal Emergency Management Agency

The Emergency Management Institute (EMI) offers self-paced courses designed for people who have emergency management responsibilities and the general public. All are offered free-of-charge to those who qualify for enrollment. To get a complete listing of courses, click on <http://training.fema.gov/IS/>

Agriculture related emergency training

IS-111 Livestock in Disasters <http://www.training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/is111.asp>

This Independent Study course is for farmers, extension agents, emergency managers and others who have interests in the livestock industry. It describes the various hazards that animals can face and how to mitigate them, as well as how to respond to an actual disaster. The livestock industry is a multi-billion dollar business that provides food for the American people as well as those overseas. It is important to insure our livestock are safe from hazards and will not suffer from the effects of hazards. This course can be downloaded from the Independent Study Web site and the test can be completed and submitted online.

IS-10 Animals in Disaster, Module A: Awareness and Preparedness

<http://www.training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/is10.asp>

The purpose of this course is two-fold. Module A is intended to increase awareness and preparedness among animal owners and care providers. It includes sections on typical hazards, how these affect animals and what can be done by responsible owners to reduce the impact of disasters. It is also intended to help animal owners, care providers and industries to better understand emergency management. Module A will heighten awareness of the special issues that emergency managers need to consider when incorporating animal-care annexes into their emergency operations plans.

IS-11 Animals in Disaster, Module B: Community Planning

<http://www.training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/IS11.asp>

Module B is intended to guide emergency management officials and animal owners, care providers, and industries in preparing community disaster plans. The goal of Module B is to provide sufficient information for both groups to meet and develop meaningful and effective plans that improve the care of animals, their owners, and the animal-care industries in disasters. This course provides the basic background knowledge needed to develop a coordinated response to a disaster in which animals and their owners are affected. Further training with local or State emergency management programs is essential.

Classroom/In person training in Minnesota

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