

Central Oklahoma
Urban Area Security Initiative (COUASI)

Budget Sub-Committee Meeting

June 14, 2011 @ 1:30 p.m.
Regional Multi-Agency Coordination Center (RMACC)
4600 N. Martin Luther King Blvd.
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73111

AGENDA (REVISED)

- I. Call to Order
- II. Introductions
- III. Approval of Minutes From the May 10, 2011 Budget Sub-Committee Meeting (Attachment)

Action Requested: Motion to Approve/Disapprove Minutes from the May 10, 2011 meeting.

- IV. Status of the FFY07, FFY08, FFY09 and FFY 10 UASI Grant Funds.

INFORMATION: ACOG will provide the Budget Sub-Committee an update on the current status of FFY07, and FFY08 portion that they are responsible for; OKOHS will provide an update on the remaining FFY08 and FFY09 grant status that they are responsible for.

- V. Review and Approve Budget Detail Worksheets (BDWs) submitted to OKOHS.

INFORMATION: Project Points of Contact will Provide Information to the Budget Sub-Committee on any Budget Detail Worksheets submitted.

- A. (2009 Grant) BDW for twenty (20) Rescue Stokes Baskets (\$10,710) and twenty (20) Raise/Lower kits for Stokes Baskets (\$13,067), for a total estimated cost of \$23,777 for OCFD and Rescue Ladders.

Project Manager-Larry Hansen

Action Requested: Motion to approve/disapprove Budget Detail Worksheet(s).

- B. (2009 Grant) BDW for ten (10) Biological Test Kits for Prime Alert, total estimate of \$2,000, to replace expired biological tests kits on the CBRNE.

Project Manager-Larry Hansen

Action Requested: Motion to approve/disapprove Budget Detail Worksheet(s).

- C. (2010 Grant) BDW for 800 MHz radio equipment for the Oklahoma County Sheriff's Department, at an estimated cost of \$623,000. This item has been approved by the IOC Sub-Committee.

Project Manager-Kerry Wagnon

Action Requested: Motion to approve/disapprove Budget Detail Worksheet(s).

- D. (Undesignated Grant) David Grizzle, Emergency Manager for the City of Norman, has submitted a Proposal for consideration regarding training for communities and first responders concerning animals during disasters (See attached information). A BDW has also been included for a total estimated cost of \$2883.00. This cost would include lodging for four instructors, student registration for 25 students and 30 shelf stable ready to eat food packets.

As there is currently no grant or Direct Award associated with this request, if this request is approved, a funding source would need to be identified from one of the previously designated projects.

Action Request: As Desired by the Committee

- VI. OKOHS Update
- VII. Other Discussion Items/New Business
- VIII. Adjourn

CENTRAL OKLAHOMA
Urban Area Security Initiative (COUASI)
BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES
May 10, 2011

A meeting of the central Oklahoma Urban Security Initiative (COUASI) Budget Subcommittee convened at 1:30 p.m., May 10, 2011 in the Regional Multi-Agency Coordination Center (RMACC) 4600 N. Martin Luther King Blvd., Oklahoma City, OK. This meeting was held as indicated by advance notice filed with the Oklahoma Secretary of State and by notice posted at the OKOHS office at least twenty-four hours prior to the meeting.

PRESIDING

Jimmy Gibson

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

David Barnes
MT Berry
Mike Bower
Pat Byrne
Bradley Cunningham
Jimmy Gibson
Larry Hansen
Tina Johnson
Don Lynch
Michael Murphy
Jerry Smith
Kerry Wagnon
Steve Willoughby
Mark Stout

OTHERS PRESENT

Eric Harlow
Chuck Linhardt
Gary Bird
Brandon Pursell
David Basden
Randy Castle
Jason Knight
David Ball
Dean Findley

Frank Barnes
Chris Fields

ACOG
Barbara Hardman

OKOHS

Steve Almon
Kim Edd Carter
Ginny Andrews
Robin Rosenberg

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jimmy Gibson called the meeting to order at 1:30

II. INTRODUCTIONS

Jimmy Gibson introduced the newly appointed Director of the Oklahoma Office of Homeland Security, Kim Edd Carter. Director Carter said a few words about himself, and thanked committee members for the time and effort they put forth as COUASI Budget Subcommittee members and he looks forward to meeting each one personally. Introductions were made around the room.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 12, 2011 BUDGET
SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

Motion was made by Larry Hansen, seconded by Mike Bower to approve the minutes from the April 12, 2011 budget Sub-Committee meeting.

Motion carried with one abstain.

IV. STATUS OF FFY07, FFY08 AND FFY09 UASI GRANT FUNDS

A spreadsheet from ACOG was provided by Barbara Hurdman. She gave an update of the current status of 2007, which has a remaining balance of \$1,121.85. The balance of the FY08 portion of the funds, as shown on the spreadsheet, is \$27,803.38. Steve Willouby pointed out that ACOG had stopped drawing down funds for M&A until the grants are completed. They will then do one last draw down in August.

Ginny Andrews provided spreadsheets to committee members and gave a report for OKOHS regarding the remaining FFY08, FFY09 and FFY10 grant funds.

V. REVIEW AND APPROVE BUDGET DETAIL WORKSHEETS SUBMITTED TO
TO OKOHS

ITEM A: (2009 Grant) BDW for a HazMat ID Upgrade and Partnership (\$15,000) and the GasID “One Year” Partnership Program (\$10,500) for a total cost of \$25,500.

Project Manager, Larry Hansen, pointed out that these funds are to replace “out of maintenance” warranty detection and monitoring equipment and upgrades.

A motion was made by Don Lynch to approve the BDW and seconded by Mike Murphy.

The motion carried with one abstain.

ITEM B: (2009 Grant) 2 page BDW for Kubota 4x4 Utility vehicle, a trailer to be utilized as an equipment mover and other assorted equipment noted on theBDW. BDW total is approximately \$41,137 for the Edmond Fire Department

Project Manager: Larry Hansen

Steve Willoughby made a motion to approve the BDW and seconded by Don Lynch.

Motion carried.

ITEM C: (2008 Grant) BDW for assorted durable medical equipment, noted in BDW, to be utilized in the access and functional needs cache, at an approximate cost of \$41,963.00

Project Manager: Frank Barnes/Mike Murphy

Frank Barnes explained that the items listed on the BDW would be used in response to those with disabilities and would benefit all jurisdictions.

A motion was made by Larry Hansen to approve the BDW and seconded by Tina Johnson.

Motion carried

ITEM D: (2008 GRANT) BDW for Certification Testing for SARTECH II class participants, estimated cost of \$1800.

Project Manager: Frank Barnes/Mike Magee

Before the vote, Frank explained that participants had completed the training

but they must take the certification test before they are actually certified.

A motion to approve the BDW was made by Steve Willoughby and seconded by Kerry Wagnon..

Motion carried.

ITEM E: (2008 Grant) BDW for Radios for three portable radios and one mobile radio for the El Reno Fire Department on the Harris System, estimate cost of \$14,686.00. This will be a direct award to El Reno.

Project Manager: Kerry Wagnon/Jerry Smith

A motion was made by Larry Hansen to approve the BDW and seconded by Mike Murphy.

Motion carried.

ITEM F: (2009 Grant) BDW for assorted equipment associated with Trench Collapse Rescue for approximately \$50,039.01

Project Manager: **Randy Olsen, Fire Chief, MWC**

A motion was made by Larry Hansen to approve the BDW though it should be made clear to Chief Olsen that thought the total for the BDW is \$50, 039.01, the grant amount is only \$41,000. Motion was seconded by Mike Murphy

Motion carried.

ITEM G: (2009 Grant) BDW for a MSA thermal imager, four QRAE gas monitors, and two Motorola portable radios for the City of Moore, estimated cost - \$19,574.00

After much discussion in an effort to determine if a direct award to the City of Moore could be used to purchase additional radios. It was Mike Murphy's understanding that all radio purchases must go through the IOC sub-committee. It was then determined this process should be reviewed by the IOC sub-committee.

A motion was made by Mike Bower to approve the BDW and seconded by Don Lynch. The motion carried with one no vote.

VI. OKOHS Update

A. Status of the FY11 Grant

Steve Almon stated that at least \$168,000 will be cut from UASI funding and also stated they are waiting for information from the Grant Guidance.

B. Discussion Regarding Planning for FY11 Projects

Steve reminded projects managers again that due to the very short time line to submit investment justifications, project managers need to get with their committee members and make decisions regarding which projects they want to fund.

VII. Other Discussion Items/New Business

Larry Hansen asked some questions regarding the direct award process and also recognized Major Dean Findley who was named a member of the International Association of Emergency Managers noting that there were only 2 who have earned this recognition in the state of Oklahoma.

VIII. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 2:11 p.m.



Oklahoma Office of
Homeland Security
Prevent, Protect, Prepare

Budget Detail Worksheet

Date: 6/9/2011

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Grant Year: 2009 Award Amt: \$188,000.00
Award #: 150,008 Subgrantee: Oklahoma City Fire Dept Original Authorized Signature:

Danny Hadden

Please Check One:
Initial Report
Subsequent Report
Report #

Type/Category	AEI #	Item	Estimated Unit Cost	Qty	Estimated Total Cost (Unit Cost x Qty)	Approved Cost (OKOHS Use Only)	Intended Recipient (Name/Location)	Training Complete (Y/N)	Intended Use	Discipline
E	08D2-01-LITR	Rescue Stokes Basket	\$536	20	\$10,710		Oklahoma City Fire	Y	OCFD USAR and	FS
E	03OE-05-ROPH	Raise/Lower Kit for Stokes Basket	\$653	20	\$13,067		Oklahoma City Fire	Y	Rescue Ladders	FS
		Shipping		0	0					
Totals			\$1,189	0	\$23,777					

Notes:

- Please use a separate BDW for each grant year.
- The initial report for a given grant year should be Report #1. Subsequent reports should be numbered consecutively and should include a copy of each prior report as an attachment.
- Type refers to Training "T", Equipment "E" or Exercises "X" / Category refers to Personal Protection Equipment "PPER", Interoperable Communication Equipment "ICE", etc.
- Discipline includes Fire Service "FS", Law Enforcement "LE" or Emergency Management Services "EMS", etc.
- The AEL number can be found at the Responder Knowledge Base Website located at: <https://www.rkbs.us/> The AEL is broken down by expense category. PPE, etc.
- Any Communications Equipment purchase must meet Minimum State Standards (MSS) established by OKOHS pursuant to Title 74 Section 51.1a of the Oklahoma Statutes.

Statewide Interoperable Communications Planning Coordinator Approval:

OKOHS USE ONLY

Reviewed By: _____ Approved By: _____

Estimated Grant Expenditures This Report: _____

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OZARK RESCUE SUPPLIERS, INC.

P.O. Box 237 - Rogers, AR 72757-0237
 (479)925-7705 - Fax: (479)925-7702
 Toll Free: 888-677-2213

PRICE QUOTE

DATE	QUOTE #
6/10/11	670

BILL TO
CITY OF OKLAHOMA CITY ACCOUNTS PAYABLE 100 N. WALKER, SUITE 200 OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73102

SHIP TO
ATTN: CHRIS

PREPARED BY	DATE ORDERED	VALID UNTIL
Rita		7/11/11

QTY	UNIT	ITEM	DESCRIPTION	YOUR COST	RETAIL	Total
20	EA	29982120	RESCUE TECH RAISE/LOWER SET, 200'	653.35	730.00	13,067.00
20	EA	726100	CMC PRO SERIES S/S RESCUE STRETCHER (tapered)	535.50	595.00	10,710.00
THANK YOU!				Total		23,777.00

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E	07BD-02-DNRN	Biological Test Kit for Prime Alert	\$200	10	\$2,000		OKC CBRNE	Y	Replace expired biological test kits on the CBRNE	FS
		Shipping		0	0		Moore-Norman CBRNE			
Totals			\$200	10	\$2,000					

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OKOHS USE ONLY

Reviewed By: <i>[Signature]</i>	Estimated Grant Expenditures This Report:
Approved By: <i>[Signature]</i>	

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Smiths Detection

Quotation for:

Oklahoma City Fire Department
850 N Portland
Oklahoma City, OK 73107

DATE: 6/7/2011
QUOTATION NO.: O6UJ9A00051C
PAGE NO.: Page 1 of 6
TERMS: Net 30
VALID UNTIL: 9/5/2011
DELIVERY: See Terms & Conditions Summary Page
WARRANTY: One year parts and labor
DELIVERY TERMS: EX Works Danbury, CT
Federal ID#: 22-355-2823

Item	Qty	Part No.	Description	Base Price	Net Price
1	10	PAT003	<u>Complete Screen (Microbe & Toxin)</u> Included: Sampling spoon and spatula.	\$ 200.00	\$ 2,000.00
TOTAL:				\$ 2,000.00	

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Stolz Telecom LLC

Quote# 975

Issue Date: 2011-03-02 Estimated Ship Date: 2011-03-03

Quote To
 Oklahoma County Sheriff's Office
 201 North Shartel
 Oklahoma City, OK 73102-2227
 Phone: 405.713.1944

Ship To
 Oklahoma County Sheriff's Office
 201 North Shartel
 Oklahoma City, OK 73102-2227
 Phone: 405.713.1944

Ln #	Quantity	Description	Unit Price	Total
		Contract WSCA-02702		
1	250 Each	242-527B-840QE6 : 51SL ES Portable Model II 7/800 MHz	2028.00 Each	\$507000.00
2	250 Each	587-5100-364 : Lilon Ultra-High Capacity Battery Pack, Immersion Rated	108.00 Each	\$27000.00
3	250 Each	299-0045-013 : 2-Year Extended Warranty	76.00 Each	\$19000.00
4	250 Each	589-0015-057 : Speaker Microphone (Instinsically Safe)	104.00 Each	\$26000.00
5	250 Each	250-5100-315 : Single Bay Tri-Chemistry Charger/Conditioner with Switched Power Supply, Rapid Rate	120.00 Each	\$30000.00
6	250 Each	585-5100-14010 : ES Leather Case with 3 Inch D-Swivel Belt Loop, Model I and II	56.00 Each	\$14000.00

Subtotal: \$623000.00
 Tax: \$0.00
 None BEST WAY - Shipping: \$0.00
 Total: \$623000.00

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The City of
NORMAN

415 East Main
Norman, Oklahoma 73071

FIRE DEPARTMENT
Phone: 405-292-9780
Fax: 405-292-9785

June 6, 2011

OK Department of Homeland Security
Attn: Steve Almon
P.O. Box 11415
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73136

RECEIVED
JUN 10 2011
By: OKOHS

Dear Steve:

SUBJECT: Proposal for Training for Oklahoma UASI

I am respectfully submitting for review and support for funding to host training that will teach communities and first responders how to deal with animals during disaster operations. The proposed dates of training are the first or second weekend in October 2011. The proposed training site is Lake Thunderbird, Norman, OK.

Noah's Wish responds to natural disasters such as hurricanes, tornadoes, fires, and floods, to help families with their animals. Each year Noah's Wish offers training classes across the states and in Canada. The training is different from some of the other groups that also have Animal Disaster Response Training. They don't hold trainings at convention centers or hotels with catered meals and such. They hold trainings in a much more realistic environment so that volunteers know what to actually expect when they deploy. They are expected to camp out onsite for the duration of the two day training and they are expected to bring in enough food/water for the duration of training. Trainees are expected to be able to sleep in tents or sleeping areas provided that would be realistic in a disaster. Typically trainings have been in anything from fairgrounds, warehouses, campgrounds, recreation buildings, Equestrian centers, and Fire training academies.

Included with this proposal are example training schedules, letters of recommendation, training site checklist and site requirements. Below is a Budget Detail Worksheet and information regarding Noah's Wish.

About Noah's Wish:

Noah's Wish are members of NVOAD and numerous state VOADS including the addition of New York this past month. Noah's Wish has an affiliation with NACA. Past president of NACA, Misha Goodman, has acted as a TSL for Noah's Wish and hosted a training in Iowa, where they have responded to Floods in the state in 2009. Noah's Wish has agreements with Virginia Common Wealth VDACS VaSART -Virginia Dept of

Agriculture, LSART/ LDAF, Long Island Pet Safe Coalition, San Diego Dept of Animal Control Services.

Noah's Wish operates under the ICS structure, are currently in the process of having the one day training accredited by FEMA. Currently there is only one other nationally recognized animal group that has their training program recognized by FEMA.

Acronyms:

La SART- Louisiana State Animal Response Team and LDAF La Dept of Agriculture.

VDAC- Virginia Dept of Agriculture/Care / Va State Animal Response

NVOAD- National Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters State VOAD is Ca, NYS, IL, Ct Montana

NASAAEP-National Alliance of State and Agricultural Emergency Programs

NACA- National Animal Control Association

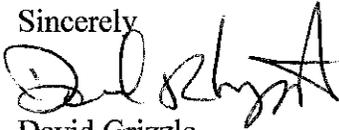
Long Island Pet Safe Coalition is made up of numerous animal member groups

TSL-Training Site Liaison

I am the point of contact for this request. If you need further information, please contact me at 405-245-9522 or by email, david.grizzle@normanok.gov.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely



David Grizzle

City of Norman

EM Coordinantor

Proposed Training Schedule

Saturday

7:30-8:30 – Registration Sign in

8:30-9:00 - Welcome, Introductions

9:00-10:30 New Volunteers – Volunteer Information 1 1/2 hours

OR

Returning volunteers – Navigating while in Disasters Hey don't get lost!

10:30-11:30 Effective Communications

12:00-1:00 – An interactive lunch discussion about suggestions of what to pack (pp)

1:00-2:15 So you want a piece of me- Info on BBP/common zoonotic issues, and sanitation

2:15-2:20 Break

2:20- 3:20 Animal First Aid dealing with Disaster toxicities

Break 3:20 -3: 30

3:30- 5:30- Animal CPR

5:30 -6:30 Dinner and Unpack

6:30-7:30 ICS100/ NIMS 700 if you don't have the requirement or Free time

7:30-8:30 Conflict Resolution

-8:30-9:00 Raffle /Door prizes

9:00pm debrief

9:00 –10:00 Free time

10:00 – Night Night -Lights Out - Night Owls please be respectful and take conversations out of sleeping areas

Sunday

5:45-6:30 – Wake-up & Breakfast & Paperwork & Pictures

6:30-6:45 am briefing

6:45-7:45 – Animal Sheltering

7:45-9:00 Animal Intake

9:00 Break

9:15-10:00 Disaster topic Tornadoes 45 min (get weather channel footage Wizard of OZ music montage)

10:00-10:30 Animal Triage Techniques – Mass Casualties

10:30- 12:30 Species Rotation Birds and Llamas/Alpacas 50 minutes each

12:30-1:15 Lunch

Mass Casualties Triage and Sheltering Set up

A 1:30- 2:30

15 minute break and reset

B 2:45 -3:45

1. Triage Techniques utilizing PPE/animal handling and the buddy system

2. Sheltering Group/Intake is given area/room put together a shelter with oncoming scenarios

3:45- 4 Debrief/hotwash whole group

4 Closure/wrap up - Clean up- many hands make light work- NW policy we leave locations better than we found it

* Schedule subject to change - Remember disasters don't follow a schedule! Keep an open mind and remain flexible.

From: Samuel Tate [state6@cox.net]
Sent: Tuesday, February 15, 2011 10:20 PM
To: David Grizzle
Cc: 'Jo Ellen Cimmino '
Subject: Noah's Wish

Importance: High

Dear Mr. Grizzle,

I participated in the Noah's Wish training in Harrisonburg, VA in July 2009. The event also included a shelter exercise with the VA Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS). Based on Noah's Wish's performance VDACS entered into a MOU with them to operate two of the eight state managed disaster pet shelters. I found the training staff very knowledgeable and professional. The organization's only agenda is the care of animals in disasters.

Also as a result of the Harrisonburg event, volunteers that attended started two Community Animal Response Teams (CART) in Virginia.

The Emergency Manager of Chesterfield, VA has arranged for Noah's Wish to conduct disaster training there this May. This event will contribute to the organization of several CART's in the Richmond area.

I recommend Noah's Wish as a credible partner in your disaster preparedness activities.

Samuel W. Tate, DVM, MPH

Secretary, Virginia State Animal Response Team

Pet Safe Coalition, Inc.
A tax-exempt, 501c3 non-profit organization devoted to
Helping Pet Owners Keep Pets Safe in Disasters
www.petsafecoalition.org

February 11, 2011

Mr. David Grizzle
Norman, Oklahoma

Re: Noah's Wish, Inc.

Mr. Grizzle:

I am pleased to have this opportunity to write on behalf of Noah's Wish, Inc., and to commend the organization's leadership, trainers and volunteers to you. First, a word about who we are and how we know the folks at Noah's Wish:

Pet Safe Coalition, Inc., ("Pet Safe"; not associated with any commercial enterprise of a similar name) is a coalition of public animal shelters, private humane organizations, veterinarians and citizen volunteers who have been working together for well over a decade to raise awareness on Long Island about the need of pet owners to develop their own sheltering or evacuation plans including their pets in case of an emergency or disaster. Our Coalition has responded to emergencies ranging from house fires to hurricanes. We have worked closely with human services organizations and emergency management government officials. Our founding president, Nancy G. Lynch, recognized the need for an animal-related component to disaster response long before "Hurricane Katrina" became a household name.

As the focus of disaster response has shifted gradually from small incidents to larger ones, and as the complexity of that response has grown, we at Pet Safe recognized that our response could be improved by teaming up with a national organization which, like Pet Safe, has as its sole purpose, animal disaster response. There are other noteworthy national organizations that offer disaster relief services as one of their missions. However, disaster relief is the single focus of Noah's Wish, Inc., thus, Noah's Wish performs its services – activations, trainings, staff development, etc. – with undivided attention.

Impressed not only with the professional skills of Noah's Wish leadership, in particular, JoEllen Cimmino, LVT, Director of Animal Health Services, our main contact on the East Coast, but also her people-to-people communications skills, we at Pet Safe have felt a heightened degree of security about our ability to respond to emergencies in our area, knowing that seasoned professionals stand behind Ms. Cimmino and the rest of the Noah's Wish staff. At our request, Noah's Wish has already held three training sessions on Long Island. They were tailored specifically to our local needs. Attendees traveled hundreds of miles to attend.

At Pet Safe, we have high regard for Noah's Wish not only for the reasons I've already stated. Often, the success of an effort is as much about recognizing the sensitivities involved in dealing with the people and organizations "on the ground." Such is the case on Long Island, where coordinating disaster response can be a complex matter because of the many municipalities, population diversity, and special needs requirements. The know-how that the folks at Noah's Wish have attained through their extensive experience throughout the country has helped us more effectively relate to public officials and other not-for-profit representatives involved in emergency response.

A word about the training: I personally have attended four sessions since 2008 and have come away with what I believe to be the most extensive, detailed information available to animal disaster responders. Noah's Wish personnel emphasize personal safety, candor, and thoroughness in their training programs and protocols. They encourage a heightened degree of professionalism in their volunteers including but not limited to encouraging cross-training with disaster response organizations such as the Citizen Corps' Community Emergency Response Teams (CERTs). Noah's Wish trainers' thoroughness and consistency assure positive results in both volunteer learning and activation response.

Through our memorandum of understanding with Noah's Wish, we at Pet Safe Coalition are able to provide our communities with state-of-the-art disaster response. I believe that your affiliation with Noah's Wish would inure to the benefit of all the stakeholders in your area who look to support your own disaster response efforts. I am available to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,



Beverly M. Poppell
Executive Director

Cc: JoEllen Cimmino, LVT



County of San Diego

DAWN DANIELSON, RVT
DIRECTOR

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5480 GAINES STREET, SAN DIEGO, CA 92110-2687

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MAIL STOP: H-39

10 February 2011

Mr. David Grizzle:

I have had the distinct privilege of working with the Noah's Wish organization both during disasters and with their trainings. I highly recommend the organization as I am certain that they can assist your community in their time of need as well as train local residents in advance regarding disaster response. For it is not a matter of "if", but rather "when" a disaster will strike within any given community and knowing that capable people with an outstanding organization are prepared to assist should help to alleviate the community's concerns.

In October of 2007, San Diego County was devastated by nine large fires burning throughout the County. The fires ended up burning a total of 369,000 acres and forced the evacuation of over half a million people. Approximately 10,000 of those people sought shelter at our Qualcomm Stadium. With those people, of course, came hundreds upon hundreds of pets, including dogs, birds, rabbits, horses and llamas. As all of our available Department of Animal Services employees were dedicated to evacuating animals in the fires or caring for those brought to our shelters or one of several staging areas, we had no staff available to assist the evacuees at Qualcomm Stadium.

Within the first 24 hours of our wildfires, I received a telephone call from Donna Ganguet of Noah's Wish and she asked if her organization could be of any assistance. I explained to Donna our need for a temporary shelter at our stadium and she reassured me that Noah's Wish could provide just such a shelter. I readily accepted her offer of assistance and Donna started working on getting people down to San Diego.

After word got out that I had requested the assistance of Noah's Wish, I received numerous calls from the public criticizing my decision to bring in the organization. The callers made allegations regarding the operation of Noah's Wish during Hurricane Katrina pertaining to money and dogs not being returned to their owners. I contacted Donna and she readily admitted that allegations had been made against the organization and their previous director. She added that the director was no longer involved with Noah's Wish and that they, as an organization, had made sweeping changes to how they operated. I was impressed by her admissions and her candor as to the steps the organization had taken to prevent any such problems in the future.

In order to see for myself the type of shelter that Noah's Wish operated, I visited their shelter during a lull in our firestorms. I found the people operating the shelter to be professional people who showed a great deal of compassion and understanding for both the people and animals



TO PROTECT THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF PEOPLE AND ANIMALS



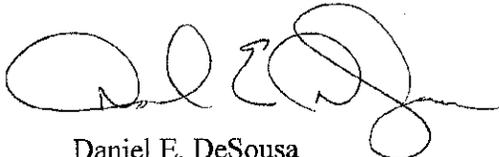
impacted by the fires. The shelter was clean, well-organized and very secure; so secure, in fact, that I could not even gain entry to their area without first registering. If I had not been able to house my animals in my office (my neighborhood had been evacuated), I would have had no qualms with placing my own animals under their care.

A disaster is simply that, a disaster wherein the local agencies are overwhelmed and cannot provide for everyone and everything and outside assistance is crucial. Volunteers play an important part in such assistance and the ability to train those volunteers in advance of a disaster is key to a successful response. In March of 2009, I had the opportunity to observe the training that Noah's Wish provides to volunteers interested in becoming a part of their organization. The training was very good and I cannot say enough about the people who literally weathered two days of training outdoors and in the rain overnight. The instruction included everything from the Incident Command System to livestock handling and decontamination of animals. I was so impressed by the training that I made them the guarantee that the following year's training would be held within San Diego County. That training was held in March of 2010 at our Del Mar Fairgrounds and I again found the training to be very professional and educational. While their training this year in Southern California is not in San Diego County, I would welcome them back at any time.

Simply put, Noah's Wish ran an exceptional shelter for the citizens and animals of San Diego County that were evacuated as a result of our firestorms. I sincerely hope and expect that they will again return to San Diego County if I call them in our time of need.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Daniel E. DeSousa', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Daniel E. DeSousa
County of San Diego
Department of Animal Services

David Grizzle

From: Hawkins, Calvin S. [cshawkins@co.pg.md.us]
Sent: Thursday, February 10, 2011 3:22 PM
To: David Grizzle
Subject: RE: Noah's Wish needs a letter of recommendation/Endorsement for training program or Disaster Deployments

Dear Mr. Grizzle,

Kindly permit me to express that your consideration to move the Noah's Wish training to a more central location would be a step in the right direction. I fully understand and could imagine some of your concerns based on the low registration. Nevertheless, I encourage you to go forward and I assure you that you will not regret your decision.

As the Chief of Community Affairs and Education for Prince George's County, Maryland Office of Homeland Security, one of my responsibilities is promoting citizen preparedness for emergencies and disasters. In this capacity, I have worked with Noah's Wish and have scheduled them on two occasions within the last two years to conduct their training here in Prince George's County, Maryland. As a consequence, Prince George's County has a professional group of volunteers committed to the most effective and efficient processes and procedures for animal disaster response. Prince George's County has 27 municipalities within the borders of the county. I bring this to your attention because one of the groups we recruited to participate in the Noah's Wish training was animal shelter and control managers from the county and municipalities within the county as well as surrounding jurisdictions. As a consequence, the representatives were able to identify volunteers that would benefit from the training. Outside of the very thorough training that Noah's Wish provided, the county and several municipalities have completed, are preparing and developing procedures for animal disaster response... Protocols and Memorandums of Understanding on responding to the need of animals in disasters are evidenced in emergency preparedness planning. Noah's Wish is primarily responsible for the heightened interest in animal disaster response in this Washington, D.C. metropolitan region.

In short, Noah's Wish is a first-class, first-rate and second-to-none training experience that Oklahomans would find insightful and useful in preparing for and responding to animals during disasters/emergencies. It is my hope that you will host the training in a location that maximizes participation. Again, it will be the right decision for the right reason: expanding the number of volunteers available to assist in animal disaster response.

If you require any additional information or have any questions for me, please contact me and I will avail myself to you.

Sincerely,

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What to bring to training..... 2011

The intensive two day field training is meant to mimic what it is like to respond to a disaster with us. You need to be fairly self sufficient for two day and take care of your needs in order to be safe and comfortable while helping us to help others in a disaster setting. Below is a short list of what we suggest to bring to training. For those of you that camp, you may already have many of these items.

We also follow a Zero Tolerance Rule: **No Alcohol, No illegal substances, or Fire Arms for safety reasons.**

Basic Uniform

Blue Jeans or BDU Cargo pants blue or black wear one bring one

Royal Blue T shirt 2 - (T- shirts will be available for sale on site)

Sweatshirt royal blue 1

Outerwear dependant on the location, some areas maybe cold and damp

Rain gear, or coats maybe appropriate dependant on location, and you will be outside for some of the training ie animal and training exercises

Work Boots, rubber foot wear maybe appropriate if raining or very muddy

Undergarments, heavy socks made of natural fibers work better 2 days worth

Sleepwear - note sleeping rooms maybe not be overly warm and are CO-ED

Belt

Bandana

Personal Gear:

Safety Glasses or Goggles

Safety Helmet/Hard Hat

Ear Plugs

Sunglasses

Watch

Sleeping bag

Air mattress or cot make sure you have an inflator for your air mattress

Pillow

All in one or Leatherman tool

Protective heavy duty gloves

Whistle

Flashlight or Head lamp

Bug spray and Sun screen

Personal hygiene

Personal medications including allergy, and headache meds/ Personal First Aid kit

Toothbrush, toothpaste, floss. Hairbrush or comb

Baby wipes

Hand sanitizer

Deodorant

Camp towel and washcloth (remember we may not have access to showers but a water facet

Camera great way to save some fun moments

Chapstick

Food and Water: Be aware and expect that you will not have access to a kitchen refrigerator or microwave or stove pack food accordingly.

Please bring enough water for yourself for drinking for 2 days

Meals 1 breakfasts, 2 lunches, and 1 Dinner Non perishable items work best.

Optional -Ice chests you will be responsible for your own ice supply.

Bring eating utensils, camping or plastic cup, camping or plastic plate, napkins

Coffee and Hot Water will be available.

Due to fire safety rules we don't allow camp stoves or sterno type items for cooking

All locations have some type of bathroom facilities, but very few have shower facilities

be prepared not to shower for the weekend, remember we are mimicking a disaster deployment.

Some sleeping quarters are like mass shelter areas for disaster victims, for you our participants will experience some similarities', the only difference is you get to go back to the comforts of your home after the weekends training, many disaster victims can not return home, if it has been destroyed.