



LEAST RESISTANCE TRAINING CONCEPTS

PROCEDURE GUIDE No. 20-03

TRANSPORTATION ACCIDENTS INVOLVING LIVESTOCK

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This Procedure Guide supersedes all previous guides in order to comply with the latest Lyon County and state training and operational standards.

Discussion:

Transportation accidents can at times be crime scenes and can involve human injuries or casualties. While we often photodocument operations for training purposes, responders shall not photograph accident scenes without specific permission from law enforcement personnel having jurisdiction.

Responder Qualifications:

IS-100.c, IS-700.b, National Traffic Incident Management (TIM) Certificate, Emergency Livestock Handling (refreshed within previous 2 years), Technical Large Animal Rescue – Operations Level (refreshed within previous 2 years)

1. Safety Policy:

- 1.1 Safety is the overarching priority in all responses. No procedure or protocol provided in this Procedure Guide shall supersede the use of sound judgment as may be appropriate to maximize incident safety.
- 1.2 All responders shall wear appropriate ANSI Class-II or Class-III vests or jackets and appropriate helmets whenever operating on or near any active traffic lanes.
- 1.3 In circumstances where responders cannot reliably communicate by direct voice, portable radios shall be utilized.
- 1.4 Before approaching the scene, all responders shall stage in appropriate locations clear of traffic lanes and await instructions from law enforcement personnel.
- 1.5 When operating at the scene, units shall, whenever possible, park on the same side of the roadway as the incident and be positioned so that rescue gear can be deployed without responders having to cross or approach active traffic lanes.

2. Resource Responses:

2.1 For transportation accidents involving livestock, the following response matrix shall be utilized as conditions may warrant.

2.1.1 Closest TLAR Rescue Unit

2.1.2 Rescue-2 (heavy rescue)

2.1.3 Closest Transport Unit with Panels

2.1.4 Panel Trailer

2.1.5 Incident Support Unit-1 (Mobile Group Command Post / Rehab)

3. Unified Command / ICS Animal Rescue Group:

3.1 Depending on the size and complexity of an incident, the Animal Rescue Group Supervisor may be integrated into a Unified Command structure, or may supervise an ICS functional group (Animal Rescue Group) under the direction of the incident Operations Section Chief.

4. Animal Containment:

4.1 While one priority involves extricating involved animals safely, the overarching functional safety priority involves containing any loose livestock and ensuring that livestock that are extricated do not become at large on or near active roadways. A recommended practice is to formally designate a containment team and an extrication team.

5. Extrication:

5.1 Extrication practices shall follow published TLAR best practices for operations and safety.

5.2 A veterinarian shall be called if sedation or other treatment is warranted for operational safety and for the welfare of the animal(s) involved.

6. Documentation:

6.1 Serious accidents typically require detailed documentation of actions taken. Be prepared to document all actions. If a brand inspector is not present, also document the descriptions and dispositions of any animals transported to holding facilities.

NOTE: All personnel should review *Highway Incident Safety*
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K5omF38ETBI>