



LEAST RESISTANCE TRAINING CONCEPTS

PROCEDURE GUIDE No. 20-31

RELOCATION OF HORSES

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

Discussion:

Nevada is a “fence-out” state, however on occasion horses will be found in public facilities such as parks and ballfields, repeatedly congregating in congested areas, or damaging or jumping legal fences to access private property. This Procedure Guide addresses the relocation of horses to appropriate authorized locations other than by simply moving horses through a gate or other opening onto adjacent appropriate range.

Responder Qualifications:

IS-100.c, IS-700.b, National Traffic Incident Management (TIM) Certificate, TLAR Emergency Horse Handling Module

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 helmets at all times, and wear ANSI Class-II or Class-III vests or jackets 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.

2 Incident Organization / Chain of Command:

- 2.1 Each response shall have an Incident Commander (IC) who will direct the activities being undertaken.

3 Incident Assessment:

3.1 Upon a lawful request to remove horses, responders shall assess the total circumstances, including but not limited to the safest practical means of containing and removing the horses, and any need for law enforcement assistance to ensure public safety.

4 Containment and Removal:

4.1 If horses requiring removal are contained on private or public property, and upon permission to remove same, due care shall be exercised when constructing trap corrals and moving horses to protect private property and public infrastructure.

4.2 Low pressure methods shall be used to reduce animal reactivity and related risks to responder and public safety, and to prevent potential damage to property and containment equipment.

4.3 All activities on or alongside roadways and highways shall be in accordance with TIM protocols.

4.4 Horses shall be transported to an authorized release location designated by the Range Manager.

5 Interference by Bystanders:

5.1 Interference by bystanders can create distractions that can impact the safety and performance of field operations. Furthermore, allowing bystanders to interfere can create liability issues. If bystanders encroach into the operational area and refuse to step back or they otherwise create distractions, law enforcement should be called to remove them before continuing operations.

6 Documentation:

6.1 Notification shall be made to the Range Manager with identification as to the horses (or band of horses,) the date and time of the removal activities and the disposition of the animals. Photos or videos of releases should be taken whenever feasible.

6.2 Responders authorized to make entries into WHIMS should update the data base as may be appropriate.