



North Valley Animal Disaster Group Standard Operating Guidelines

Title: INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR ANIMAL WELFARE (IFAW)

Objective: To give a clear path and guidelines to deploy with IFAW

Description:

NVADG is part of the Emergency Response Network (ERN) for the International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW). NVADG supplies IFAW with mutual aid personnel on national and international deployments. Volunteers who are accepted to deploy with IFAW shall be exceptionally suited to the tasks that are requested.

Some things to keep in mind:

- IFAW will cover all travel and per diem costs, but on occasion, it might be necessary to be reimbursed after the incident, so be prepared to bring cash/credit cards.
- Refer to the Training Guidelines SOG for minimum training requirements.
- There is a mandatory interview by the Executive Director, or their designee.
- During a deployment, a Team Lead will be assigned who will report to the Executive Director daily.
- It is up to the preference of IFAW whether NVADG or IFAW uniforms will be worn. IFAW will supply any needed IFAW uniforms.
- Disaster zones may have no modern conveniences. Accommodations may be primitive. Food may be scarce – and not what you are used to.
- ALL communications via social media, etc. must be cleared through IFAW. This includes pre and post deployment communications.
- Vaccinations, Passport fees, etc. will not be reimbursed.
- While deployed with IFAW, you are not working as a Butte County Disaster Service Worker and are not covered by Butte County DSW Worker's Compensation Insurance. IFAW will not cover medical expenses. Be prepared with private insurance.
- Above all having a "positive and flexible attitude" is mandatory as the days will be long and the work can be hard.
- Deployments will typically consist of a 10 day minimum commitment, with a usual maximum of 14 days.

Related Documents Attached: n/a