



North Valley Animal Disaster Group Standard Operating Guidelines

Title: ACTIVATION

Description: To provide guidelines for activating during an incident

NO VOLUNTEER SHOULD SELF-DEPLOY.

Disaster response operations are complicated and are carried out in a chaotic atmosphere. If volunteers self-deploy to a disaster site independently, they unnecessarily complicate response efforts.

All requests and activations will follow the Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS) protocols. Local jurisdiction activation policies and procedures apply.

NVADG provides Disaster Service Workers trained in emergency animal evacuation and sheltering under an MOU with Butte County Public Health Department (BCPH). NVADG will be activated when a disaster or other emergency creates a need for animal rescue services that is beyond the staffing capacity of the Animal Control (AC) Division.

- NVADG will assist AC with all aspects of animal rescue, sheltering and care.
- Butte County does not fund NVADG.
- Our mutual goal is to provide services for animals impacted by an emergency or disaster situation. These include wildfire, flood, hazardous materials, animal seizure, neighborhood evacuations or other situations that may leave animals unattended or in need of emergency assistance.
- Although the request for activation may come from Cal-fire, BCPH, and/or BCSO, BCSO will perform the actual dispatch.
- BCPH must approve activation. Approval for activation can come from one of the following:
 1. Program Manager – Animal Control
 2. On-Call Animal Control Officer
 3. Assistant Public Health Director
 4. Public Health Director
 5. Program Manager – Emergency Response

NVADG agrees to do its best to activate upon request and authorization.

Activation of Volunteers:

- In some disasters, volunteers will get a warning the night before about potential activation.
- Volunteers will be contacted by text and/or phone in the event of activation.
- You may be asked to call 530 895-0000 or another number to respond.
- Do not reply if you CANNOT go- only reply if asked to do so and you are able to go.
- Sign up on Better Impact when activated.
- Start your 214 form when you are activated.

Mutual Aid

- NVADG may be requested from entities other than Butte County. The NVADG Board of Directors will make the determination whether we can support that request.
- All Mutual Aid requests need to come from a government organization in order for DSW Workers' Comp insurance to be valid. Usually a request from an NGO is not valid.
- Refer to the NVADG Mutual Aid Guidelines SOG for additional information

Refer to the latest Butte County/NVADG MOU for additional information

Related Documents Attached: n/a

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