

MART News & Views



Spring 2014

First Aid and CPR Courses to be Taught Around the State

We have two dates set for MART members to take the American Heart Association's First Aid and CPR course. Eddie Ivy with Ivy Consulting will serve as lead instructor. We have limited seating, so please register early. Each participant will only be charged \$10 which will cover the cost of the course certification card.

Specific locations and times will be announced at a later date.
The course will take four hours to complete.

- ° Saturday, April 12—Central Mississippi (Jackson area)
- ° Saturday, May 3—Southern Mississippi

The Northern Mississippi class will be offered later in the year. Details will follow.



TLAER Set for March 29th-30th

We are pleased to offer another opportunity for our MART members to attend Technical Large Animal Emergency Rescue training. Many of you have completed the course and we have had positive feedback from all.

The training will be held Saturday-Sunday, March 29th-30th at Mississippi State University's College of Veterinary Medicine in Starkville. As a MART member, you may attend for only \$20, which is below what other participants are being charged, and much cheaper than the cost of this class in other states. We are fortunate to have received some sponsorship dollars to help cover a portion of the class cost. Your registration fee includes instruction, lunch, refreshments and a certificate. **Registration forms and payment are due by March 20th. Twelve hours of veterinarian CE are available.**

The weekend course will include Large Animal Emergency Rescue Techniques, Hands-On Equipment Labs, and live animal handling demonstrations. We will not be handling the animals ourselves.

More course information can be found at www.tlaer.org. and registration forms are available online at www.cvm.msstate.edu.

Sheltering Trainings Well Attended by MART Members



Attendees of the Disaster Animal Shelter Training.

Two trainings attended by Mississippi Animal Response Team members in 2013 included **Disaster Animal Shelter Training** taught by Diane Robinson, formerly with American Humane's Red Star Animal Emergency Services Response Team.

The basic disaster response training was followed two months later with **MART Shelter Training** which taught MART's shelter plan and included a hands-on exercise at the Fairgrounds.

Both courses were well attended by MART members from around the state.

Look for more Shelter Training coming this summer.



Hands-on exercise at the Fairgrounds held during MART Shelter Training.

Incident Command System Benefits Everyone

Find the Incident Command System classes at <http://training.fema.gov/IS/crslist.asp>. Remember all MART members need to complete the following ICS classes and email a copy of your certificate to beth@mdac.ms.gov:

- **IS-100.b** - Introduction to Incident Command System
- **IS-200.b** - ICS for Single Resources and Initial Accident Incidents
- **IS-700.a** - National Incident Management System (NIMS): An Introduction



Other recommended classes include the following:

- **IS-800.b** - National Response Framework, An Introduction
- **IS-10.a** - Animals in Disasters: Awareness and Preparedness
- **IS-11.a** - Animals in Disasters: Community Planning

What is ICS and why do MART members need to know it?

The Incident Command System (ICS) is a standardized, on-scene, all-hazards incident management approach that:

- Allows for the integration of facilities, equipment, personnel, procedures and communications operating within a common organizational structure.
- Enables a coordinated response among various jurisdictions and functional agencies, both public and private.
- Establishes common processes for planning and managing resources.

ICS is flexible and can be used for incidents of any type, scope and complexity. ICS allows its users to adopt an integrated organizational structure to match the complexities and demands of single or multiple incidents.

ICS is used by all levels of government—federal, state, tribal and local—as well as by many nongovernmental organizations and the private sector.

Basically, ICS provides a mechanism for us to communicate effectively with each other and other agencies during disasters.



Money generated through the “I Care for Animals” car tag program benefits shelter dogs and cats, and pets in need from around the state.

Over 60 animal shelters and humane societies have received money from the “I Care” fund, with emphasis being placed on spay/neuter programs.

Purchase your “I Care for Animals” car tag at your county tax assessor’s office and know you are helping Mississippi animals. Details about the program can be seen on the Mississippi Board of Animal Health’s website at www.mbah.ms.gov.

MART Members Train on Basic Water Rescue

Seven members of the Mississippi Animal Response Team attended Household Pet Slack Water Rescue Training in Metairie, LA. The two day course focused on basic water rescue for companion animals, boat handling and safety, and personal gear requirements.

The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, the International Fund for Animal Welfare, the Louisiana State Animal Response Team and the Mississippi Animal Response Team sponsored the training.



MART member, John Hurt, (red helmet) served as an instructor for the course. MART member, Laurie Walters, took part in the training



MART members Larry Abramson, Beverly Foster, Justin Flanagan, Louis Lombas, Michelle Lombas, Lydia Sattler and Laurie Walters.



Responders from ASPCA, IFAW, LSART and MART completed the course.



Louis Lombas navigates through the water with two LSART members.



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