Utah Community Animal Response Team (CART) Guidance

CART Roles

Animal evacuation
Animal first-aid
Reuniting owners with pets
Animal identification
Animal sheltering
Search and rescue
Public education
Donation management

State Resources

- Public-facing flyer
- CARP EOP Template
- CARP SOPs template
- CARP Forms
- Roles and responsibilities template
- Program registration list
- Webpage
- Exercises and training
- CART Resource Library

Baseline CART Training

- IS-100: Incident Command System
- IS-700a: National Incident Management System
- IS-10a: Animals in Disaster: Awareness and Preparedness
- IS-11a: Animals in Disaster: Community Planning
- American Red Cross Pet First Aid
- CERT Animal Response Module I & II

VISION STATEMENT

The Community Animal Response Team is a community-based disaster response team integrated with local government emergency response and composed of trained and vetted volunteers who will save human and animal lives by assisting animal control and the public before, during, and after natural or man-made disasters.

MISSION STATEMENT

To establish government-sanctioned and sustainable CART programs in local communities by providing individuals and teams with training in emergency preparedness, basic disaster response skills, animal handling, and basic animal first aid skills, and preparing deployable teams.

POLICY

A CART program can exist as a City, County, or Youth CART. An official CART program must:

1. Be registered with the Utah CART Coordinator.
2. Be approved by the local emergency manager.
3. Be endorsed by the local Whole Community Coalition.
4. Designate a CART community coordinator as the program point-of-contact.
5. Conduct CART in-person training once per year and a CART exercise or drill at least once every 5 years.
6. All program and training records are to be maintained at the local level by the registered CART program. Certificates of course completion are issued by the local emergency manager.

CART programs may:

- Specify the animal species they are willing to work with
- Coordinate with other cities or counties within their region
- Become a 501c3 organization to accept donations.

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PROGRAM FUNDING SOURCES

The CART team should endeavor to be self-sustainable. Programs should first gain approval from the local emergency manager before identifying potential fiscal sources.

- State Homeland Security Program Grant (SHSP)
- Emergency Managers Program Grant (EMPG)
- Regional Citizen Corps Council
- Donations or fundraising
- Class fees
- Partnerships with existing 501-c3 organizations

STEPS TO START AND RUN A CART PROGRAM

1. Gain approval from the local emergency manager and animal control to start a CART program.
2. Identify a CART Community Coordinator
3. Register the CART program with the Utah CART Coordinator
4. Identify community needs that the CART program can support.
5. Identify program goals that CART can fulfill
6. Identify roles and responsibilities for CART members
7. Gather the resources necessary to conduct CART training and sustain program management.
8. Prepare certified CART instructors and send them through a CERT Program Managers course.
9. Conduct CART training for members.
10. Conduct refresher training, exercises, and other activities.

VOLUNTEER DEPLOYMENT: UNAFFILIATED VS AFFIIATED

Unaffiliated: The basic CART training enables individuals to safely respond of their own accord to help themselves and those around them when professional responders are not immediately available. The individual is acting in good will and is responsible for their own actions.

Affiliated: If the local government permits, CART-trained individuals can become affiliated with a sponsor-sanctioned, vetted, and deployable team. If individuals are acting within a deployed team, it is recommended that the sponsoring agency or local emergency manager put in place codes of conduct and operation guidelines and/or enact legal approved liability waivers.

Resource Library for CART and the Community Animal Response Program (CARP):
bit.ly/ucarp