



# The Livestock Emergency Response Program for First Responders

## **Purpose**

Approximately 400,000 head of livestock are being hauled at any time of the day in the United States. In a seven-year period more than 400 livestock transport accidents were reported in the U.S. and Canada.

The Livestock Emergency Response Program for first responders involves training in understanding animal behavior and animal welfare in emergency situations related to motor vehicle incidents.

## **Impact**

2012: There were 136 emergency responders trained. Steve Boyles was invited to speak at the National Beef Quality Assurance state coordinators meeting and several states used the training module.

2013: Seventy first responders were trained to handle livestock. The training was done at two locations in the state. Training materials were placed at OSU Cow College website.

2013: Team members rewrote The Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy (OPOTA) manual section for animal management.

2014: Steve Boyles will be a speaker at a national first responder meeting.

2014: A first response training program is planned for June in another state.



## **Ohio State Colleges/Units Involved**

College of Food, Agriculture and Environmental Sciences  
Department of Animal Sciences  
OSU Extension

## **Community Partners Involved**

Ohio Farm Bureau Federation  
The Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy  
Animals for Life Coalition  
National Cattlemen's Beef Association



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