



SAN MATEO COUNTY Large Animal Evacuation Group

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FACT SHEET

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Mission Statement

The mission of the San Mateo County Large Animal Evacuation Group is to provide qualified large animal handlers and horse trailers in emergency situations; to evacuate large animals in any degree emergency, and lessen the burden on Emergency Services.

LAEG provides community outreach and preparedness workshops.

LAEG is an all volunteer group (501c3 status pending) that activates when called upon by the San Mateo County Office of Emergency Services or other emergency county agency.

Member Stats

- 20+ Members
- 16 Licensed Ham Radio Operators
- 12 Trailers – varied sizes

LAEG members are

- FEMA ICS 700 & 100 (Incident Command System) certified
- CERT trained
- CPR / First-Aid certified
- Experienced equine / large animal handlers
- HAM radio certified

Ongoing member training/workshops include

- Trailer maneuvering and loading
- Trailer safety and maintenance
- Large animal handling
- CPR / First Aid training
- Ham radio operation
- Regularly scheduled activation drills

Team Resources

- Monthly General Meetings
- SOP (Standard Operating Procedures) covering activation protocol and operation
- Organized notification system to mobilize members quickly
- Quarterly meetings with OES/CALFire
- Ongoing communication and shared training with neighboring county equine evacuation teams

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Animal Evacuation

Wildland Fire Safety for Your Livestock and Pets

You've taken steps to keep your family and home fire safe. Don't forget your pets and livestock. With some advance planning you can increase their chances of surviving a wildland fire.

Livestock

- Clear defensible space around your barns, pastures and property just as you do your home. PRC 4291 requires clearance around **all** structures on your property.
- Plan ahead, know where you would evacuate the animals. Contact your local fairgrounds, stockyards, equestrian centers, friends etc. about their policies and ability to take livestock temporarily in an emergency. Have several evacuation routes in mind. If you don't have your own truck and trailer, make arrangements with local companies or neighbors before disaster strikes. Make sure your neighbors have your contact numbers (cell phone, work, home, etc.).
- Have vaccination/ medical records, registration papers and photographs of your animals (proof of ownership) and your Disaster Preparedness Kit.
- If you must leave your animals, leave them in a preselected, cleared area. Leave enough hay for 48 to 72 hours. Do not rely on automatic watering systems. Power may be lost.
- **Do not wait until the last minute to start evacuating!**



Livestock Disaster Preparedness Kit

- Hay, feed and water for three days
- Non-nylon leads and halters
- First aid items
- Wire cutters and a sharp knife
- Hoof pick
- Leg wraps
- Shovel
- Water buckets
- Plastic trash barrel with a lid
- Portable radio and extra batteries
- Flashlights



During a wildland fire, local animal rescue organizations work with law enforcement and fire departments to rescue as many animals as they can. In battling a wildfire, firefighters will do what they can but they are not responsible for evacuating your livestock. Firefighters may cut fences or open gates to free trapped animals.