



HAMILTON COUNTY
DISASTER ANIMAL RESPONSE TEAM
Response Report:
Macon County, TN Deployment



Hamilton County Disaster Animal Response Team

Situation Report – February 10, 2008

2/09/2008 Ten members of the Hamilton County DART reported to the Hamilton County Agricultural Services Center for deployment to Macon County, TN in response to mobilization request from TDA Emergency response Coordinator, Dr. Robert Linnabary. Team departed Chattanooga at approximately 6:20 AM EST with response equipment that included stock trailer, portable livestock panels, halters, radios, capture poles, canine and feline crates, leashes, safety helmets and temporary identification collars for large and small animals.

Team arrived at Macon County EOC at approximately 9:00 AM CST and notified IC that Hamilton County DART was reporting as requested. Hamilton and Wilson County DART teams moved to the Browning Livestock Market which was the staging area for livestock response. County Extension Director Steve Walker met with members of the Hamilton County DART that were assigned to livestock recovery efforts. Hamilton DART members assigned to companion animals and sheltering reported to Wilson County DART and notified them they were ready to respond as needed.

Hamilton DART Livestock team worked with CED Walker to coordinate the recovery of approximately 60 head of cattle and 5 donkeys during the day. All livestock were transported to the Browning Livestock Market. Owners were present at the time of capture, transport and delivery to market. Team members also assisted in the unloading of emergency feed supplies for local producers at Browning Livestock Market.

Hamilton DART companion and sheltering team members worked with Wilson DART during the day Saturday to capture stray animals and establish a shelter area for recovered animals.

At approximately 5:15 PM CST, Hamilton County DART Leader returned to the Macon County EOC and notified IC that the team was standing down with the completion of the current operational period. Macon County IC notified the DART Leader to demobilize and return to Chattanooga. Team members arrived at the Hamilton County Agricultural Services Center and completed demobilization at approximately 9:35 PM EST.

2/08/2008 Hamilton County DART Leader, Ray Burden, receives notification at approximately 3:30 PM from TDA Disaster Animal Response Coordinator Dr. Robert Linnabary, to activate Hamilton County DART members for deployment on Saturday, February 9, 2008 to Macon County, TN in response to tornado relief efforts. Team is to report to the Macon County EOC for assignment upon arrival. Burden contacted Hamilton County Emergency Chief Bill Tittle and informed him of team's activation.

2/06/2008 Hamilton County DART Leader Ray Burden was notified at approximately 2:00 PM EST by TDA Disaster Animal Response Coordinator Dr. Robert Linnabary requesting that Hamilton County DART be on stand-by for possible deployment to Macon County, TN to assist local authorities in response and recovery efforts necessitated by tornado damage which occurred 2/05-06/2008. Linnabary informed Burden that the need was likely to be primarily for large animal response. Burden contacted Hamilton County DART members that TDA had requested the standby. Local DART members responded with 10 individuals indicating their readiness. Burden also contacted Hamilton County Emergency Management officials that the Hamilton County DART was on stand-by for possible deployment to Macon County.

Submitted by: Ray Burden, Hamilton County DART Leader









