Napa Community Animal Response Team

Overview of Napa CART

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Preparedness Training ● Emergency Response ● Recovery & Support

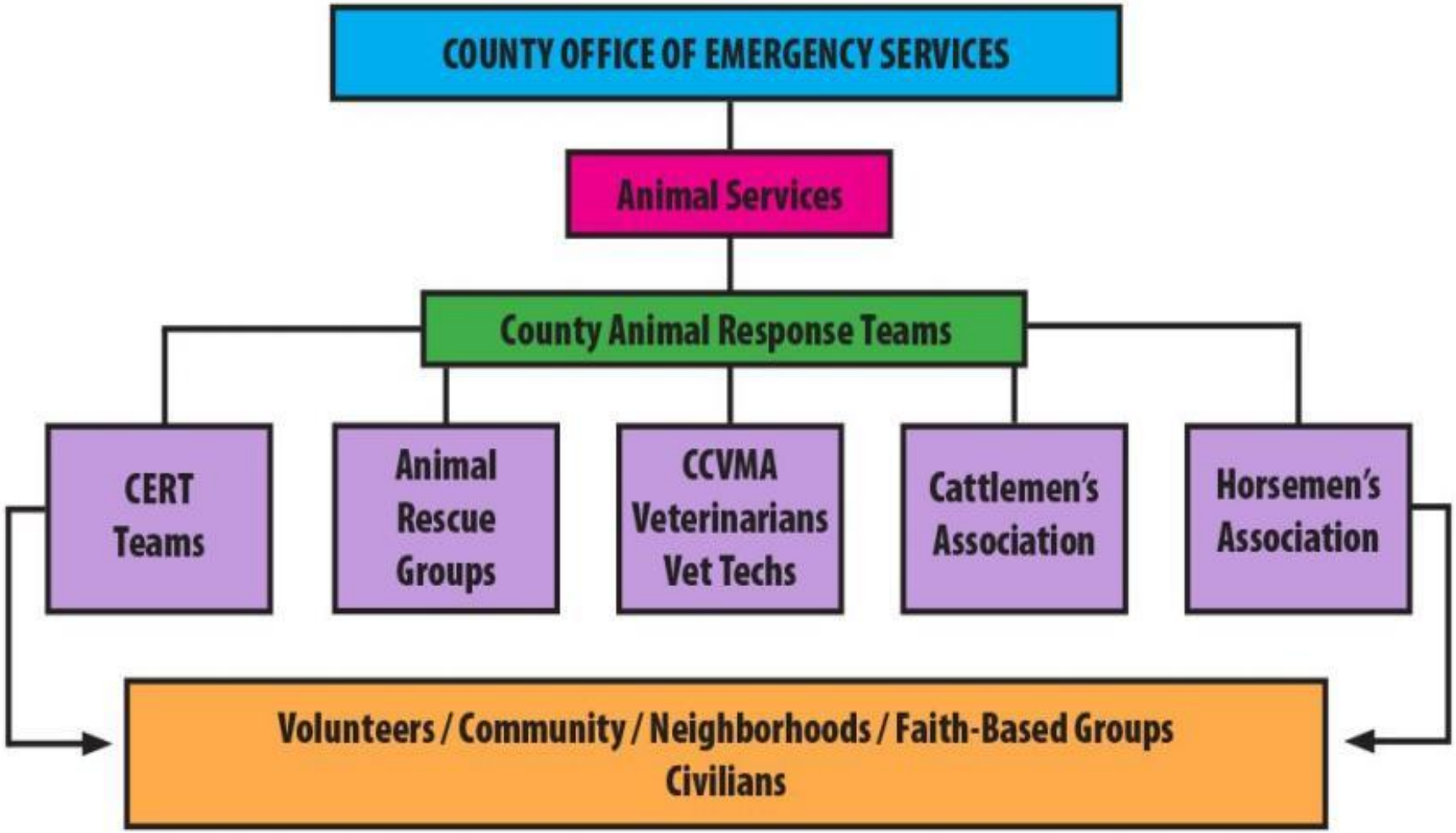
Our Mission

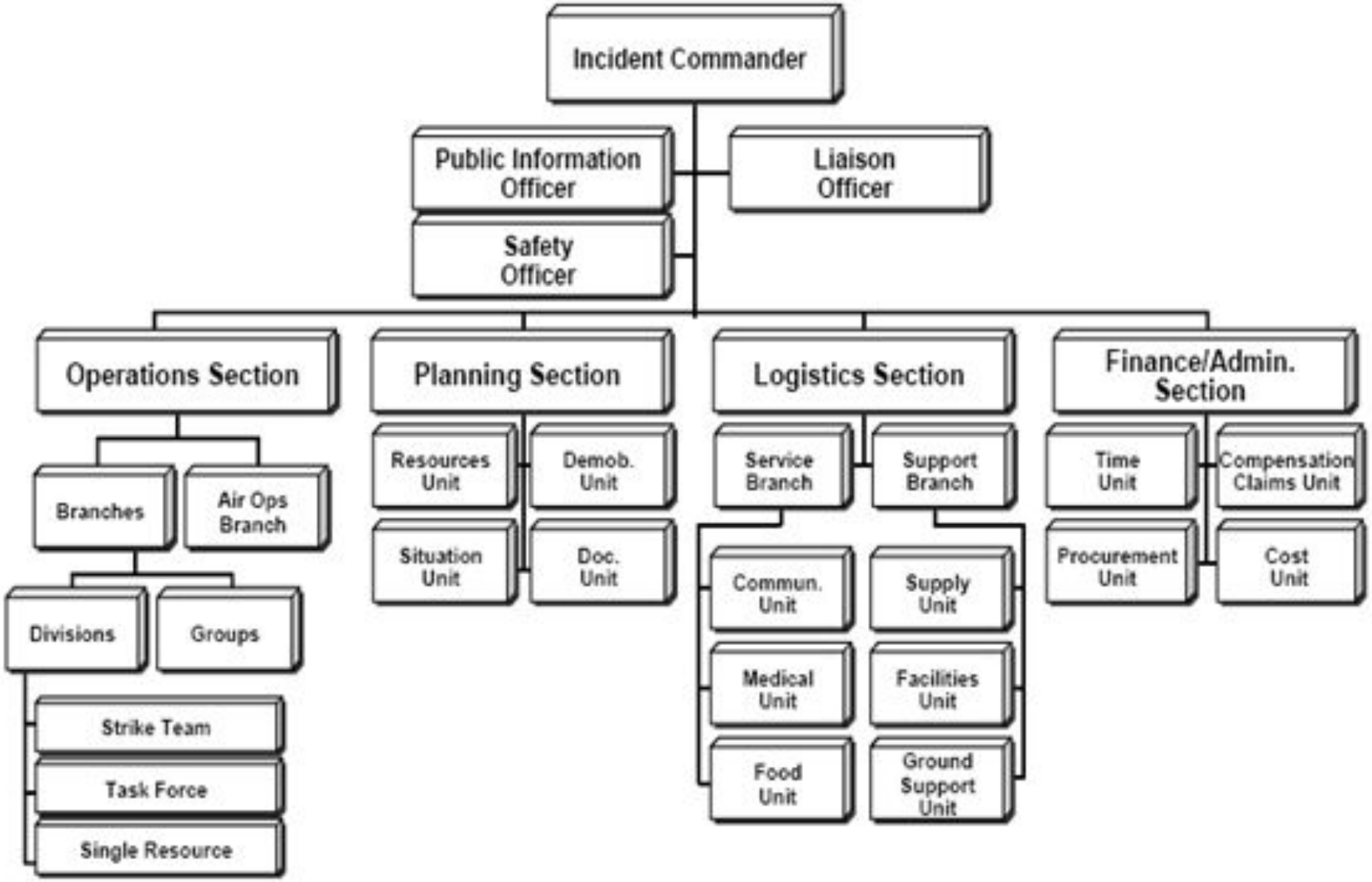
- Educate the public on the animal component of disaster preparedness, response and recovery
- Assist Emergency Services in sheltering, evacuation and care of animals during a disaster
- Provide ongoing training in the animal component of emergency and disaster response to first responders and community volunteers
- Create a reserve of Disaster Service Workers

Incident Command System ICS

- Developed in California in 1970s to facilitate multi agency response to wildfires
- Internationally used in emergency response
- Essential language of first and second responders to integrate/work together
- FEMA ICS 100, 200 are required
- How does this translate to you as volunteers?
  - Report to a supervisor
  - Span of control
  - Follow procedures- you are not in charge….

Example of ICS Organization




Incident Commander
Public Information Officer
Liaison Officer
Safety Officer
Operations Section
Planning Section
Logistics Section
Finance/Admin. Section
Branches
Air Ops Branch
Divisions
Groups
Strike Team
Task Force
Single Resource
Resources Unit
Demob. Unit
Situation Unit
Doc. Unit
Service Branch
Support Branch
Commun. Unit
Medical Unit
Food Unit
Supply Unit
Facilities Unit
Ground Support Unit
Time Unit
Compensation Claims Unit
Procurement Unit
Cost Unit

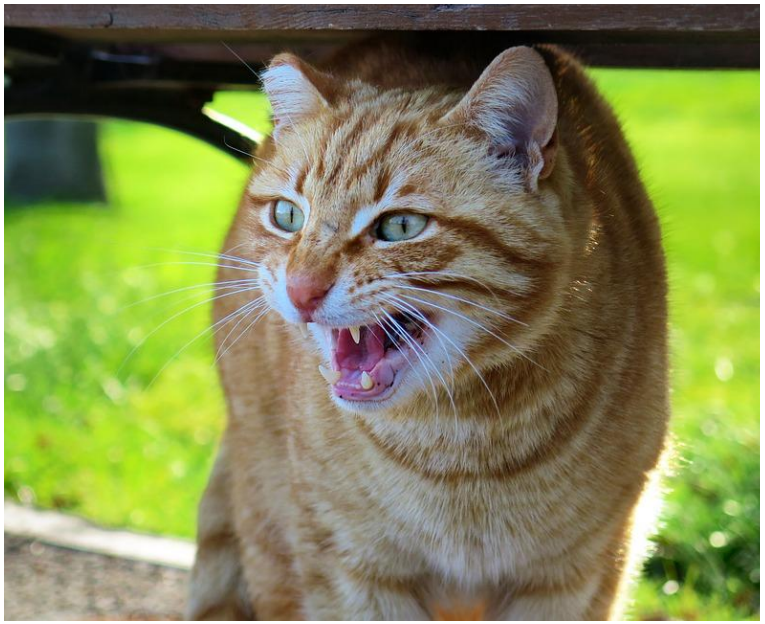
The Safety Algorithm

- **Personal Safety** comes first
- **Team and others** are next
- **Animals**, even though they are why we are there, are last

GETTING AN ANIMAL FROM RISK TO SAFETY: WHAT COULD POSSIBLY GO WRONG?

Use Your Imagination!

- Animals are predictably unpredictable under stress
- How can you decrease human and animal stress?
- What hazards exist or could develop rapidly?
- Can you remove or reduce any hazards?
- What resources do we need?
- Know when to STOP!



Situational Awareness

Situational Awareness is the process of assessing and constantly re-assessing risk

- ➔ THE SCENE: Safe to enter now? Could conditions change? Is our "size up" broad enough? Can we reduce stress from noise/lights/movement?

- ➔ RISKS TO PEOPLE AND ANIMALS: Is a person or animal injured? Agitated? Unconfined? Debris or equipment in the way? Gas leaks? Flooding? Stallion? Aggressive dog? Keep evaluating body language!

- ➔ THE PLAN: Will we make the situation worse by attempting to capture or move an animal? Do we have a Plan B, C, D…? What is our exit plan?

- ➔ THE RESOURCES: Do we have the skills? The correct PPE? The right equipment? Should we wait for assistance from Veterinary, Animal Control, Fire Department?

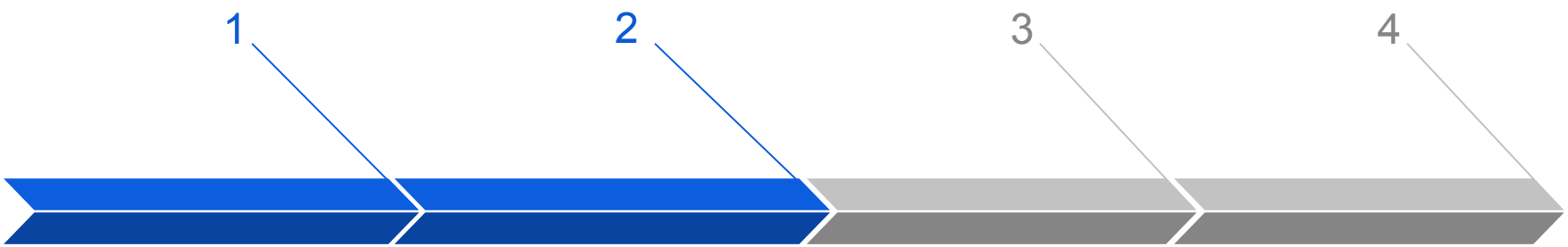
Certified Animal Disaster Service Worker

- Signed Napa CART Volunteer Liability Release Form
- CERT training certification: www.countyofnapa.org/2478/Training-Opportunities
- FEMA IS-100 Online Course (Intro to Incident Command System)
- FEMA IS-200 Online Course (ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents)
  - FEMA Courses: training.fema.gov/is/crslist.aspx
- Napa CART Volunteer Training in Animal Disaster Response
  - NVADG 2-Day will suffice FEMA 100 & Volunteer Training
- Background Check
- Upon completion of any of the above or any other pertinent training, email certificates to training@napacart.org

Roles in Napa CART

- Dispatch & Hotline
  - Radio Operator
  - Tracker
  - Hotline
- Communications
- Safety Officers for teams
- Evacuation
  - Truck & Trailer Drivers
  - Co-Pilot
  - Pilot Car
  - Scribe/Radio Operator
  - Animal Handler
- Shelter In Place
  - Supply Truck Driver
  - Animal Handler
  - Scribe/Radio Operator
- Large/Small Animal Shelters
  - Assistant Shelter Leads
  - Animal Handlers
  - Administration (Intake/Discharge)
  - Runners
  - Supply Management
  - Biosecurity management
  - Security
- Volunteer Management
- Donation Management
- Reunification/Foster Care
- Community Outreach
- Donor Relations, Grants
- ...and more

Activation Timeline: When in doubt, check FB or Website



County activates Napa CART

Staging on RED Flag days

Leadership & Advisory Board

Leadership teams activate their core teams and make volunteer requests

Hauling Nixle

Trailers and evac teams sent to designated rally point

Shelter teams set up

Volunteers Called in and Assigned roles

Report to leaders, create teams

Social Media

- Napa CART utilizes FaceBook and other social media to spread information
  - Preparedness information, training and other community events
  - Activation information
  - Volunteer and donation needs
- We encourage our follower to share our posts and post on their own - especially in our FB Group
- Great communication tools

...Like us so you can follow our team @napacart

also…..

FB Group
Napa CART Group

Twitter
@napacart

Instagram
@napa.cart

Social Media Cautions

- Always respect the feelings of those who are affected by the disaster or event
- Do not post identifiable images of destroyed homes, deceased or injured animals
- Volunteers are not allowed to take photos in shelters - we have a process for animal identification and reunification
- Social media posts can quickly spiral out of control
  - Don’t contribute to the spread of misinformation!
  - Pay close attention to dates of posts
- If in doubt, contact Napa CART PIO or Team Leads

Join Napa CART

With recent devastating disasters in our county and surrounding areas it's so important to:

- Be prepared
- Make a plan
- Be informed

Napa CART can assist with all of the above!

Training and volunteering with Napa CART also provides great community networking and relationship building - get to know your neighbors!