

BASIC HORSE HANDLING EMERGENCY RESPONDER TRAINING

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Overview:

Many public safety professionals find themselves having to deal with a situation regarding a loose horse or horses. Most of these deputies, police officers, or other emergency personnel have limited knowledge of horses. Our goal is to teach the basics of horse handling in an emergency situation. This will be a **four hour training block**, consisting of mostly hands-on and scenario-based training using live horses and horse trailers. This training will be geared specifically to horses, as they are a unique animal, but some of the points covered will be useful in any situation involving loose cattle or other livestock. Training certificates will be issued to participants.

Points to be Covered:

1. Establishing a perimeter—traffic safety issues involving horses or other large animals.
2. Who do you call? The importance of having a network of horse-knowledgeable people in your jurisdiction to call in an emergency. This is a true community-policing issue.
3. Horse psychology—how to overcome your fear of horses and other large animals. How do they think? What drives them? How can you practically influence their movement and behavior? How to use a horse's natural instincts to your advantage.
4. Directing a horse's movements using basic body language (the language of horses) and the importance of having “a plan” for capture or containment.
5. Basic horse haltering and related issues.
6. How to fashion a rope halter from a plain piece of cotton rope. What to carry in your squad or other emergency vehicle that can help.
7. To tie or not to tie? Basic principles regarding tying of horses—quick release knots, etc.
8. What to do in an emergency or accident involving a horse trailer.

Sponsorship of Training:

Wisconsin State Horse Council Equine Foundation is covering the costs of the trainers including the use of their equipment and horses, as well as the facility costs when necessary. Individual Districts of Wisconsin State Horse Council will be hosting this training around the state of Wisconsin to make it more convenient for emergency responders to attend. This is **free** training for emergency responders.

Dates and Locations:

Sept. 25, 2008—Noon -4pm—Big Springs Horse Market, 330 Hwy 23, Wisconsin Dells,
October 2, 2008—Noon -4pm at Falmouth Sables in Arena, WSHC Districts 4& 5
October 30, 2008—Noon-4pm at Sackett Ranch in Burnett, WSHC District 3

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