

## **BASIC HORSE HANDLING EMERGENCY RESPONDER TRAINING**

### **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.

### **Sponsorship**

WSHC 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.

### **History**

Last year, horse owners from across the state gathered in Beaver Dam for a parade with a goal to raise awareness of the need for basic horse handling training for law enforcement and first responders. Funds raised at this parade were given to the Wisconsin State Horse Council Equine Foundation to develop and present training sessions for public safety professionals that emphasize how to handle horses in cases of emergency. The first of these sessions have been scheduled and I would like to invite you to come to this free, hands-on, scenario-based training .

The sessions will be conducted by Edie Brogan, former UW Mounted Police Sergeant and John Brogan, Dane County Sheriff Sergeant and last approximately 4 hours. The first session was September 25th in the Wisconsin Dells Area, the second October 2nd near Arena and the third will be October 30 near Burnett. We would like to see at least one member from every county sheriff's department, municipal police department and fire department attend one of these programs to prepare them for possibility that they may encounter horses in an emergency situation.

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