

**SAN MATEO COUNTY**

 **Large Animal Evacuation Group**

FACT SHEET

Established January 2009

**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, to lessen the burden on Emergency Services.*

*The group also provides preparedness workshops upon request.*

*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 Active Members
* 13 Licensed Ham Radio Operators
* 9 Active Trailers – varied sizes
* 2 Reserve Member w/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 since early 2009 – held at the Half Moon Bay Firehouse Station 40
* SOP (Standard Operating Procedures) covering activation protocol and operation
* Organized notification system to mobilize members quickly – County BLUE Alert List
* Quarterly meetings with OES/CALFire
* Ongoing communication and shared training with neighboring county equine evacuation teams

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