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TLAER Awareness Level Course Information

The Awareness Level TLAER training is an intensive 2 day (14 hours) course featuring lecture, dynamic Powerpoint visuals, and student interaction. The practicum portion is short and only provides demonstrations. This course contains minimal hands-on for students. The Awareness Level TLAER course is intended for everyone, no previous experience necessary.

Didactic instruction covers the foundation principles of all methodologies, techniques and procedures that are considered to reside within the "inventory" of modern tactics for response to the various types of TLAER rescue incidents; including an overview of heavy / confined space / fire / hazmat / swift & floodwater, unstable ground and vehicle extrication rescues, concluded with slingloading operations for large animal incidents. Incident Command System and the personnel that typically will respond with their duties and roles are introduced, with special attention to evacuation planning, disaster prevention, animal containment, and field euthanasia scenarios. Additionally, a heavy background is provided in the areas of large animal behavior in normal and rescue circumstances, critical medical issues encountered, and stress responses.

Practicum is limited and emphasizes instruction in basic animal behavior, containment and basic manipulation methods. Live animals will be used for simple demonstrations and basic handling skills only. The use of live, trained large animals for the more difficult demonstrations (vertical lifts, recumbant animals, trapped, etc.) and hands-on rope/mechanical advantage work is recommended for Operational level only. A realistically weighted mannequin should be used in Awareness training scenarios to reduce the chance of injury.

ATTENDANCE and PREREQUISITES - At the discretion of the course host or organizer, participants registering for the Awareness Level Course can either be auditors or hands-on. In order to achieve TLAER Awareness Level Certification, persons must complete the course as "hands-on" participants and must be present for all of the course hours. Auditors of this course will not receive any TLAER Certification or TLAER educational credit for attending. However, this should not discourage attendance. Attending this course as an auditor, for those wishing not to pursue the technical operational aspect of the course, will still provide valuable knowledge which may prepare a responder to more safely and successfully handle a large animal emergency incident.