



# TLAER, Inc.

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## **TLAER Operations Level Course Information**

The Operations Level TLAER training is a 3 day (26 hour) course consisting of 4.5 hours of lecture (each morning), 3.5 hours of hands-on laboratory techniques each day, and a 2 hour night operation on the second evening to practice SAR techniques and the Rescue Glide for recumbant animals. Hands-on experience is provided for all students and the overarching emphasis of the use of Incident Command System is featured throughout the course. The Operations Level TLAER course is intended for a specialized audience (CART/SART members, large animal owners/groups, operational personnel in the emergency services, veterinary staff, animal control officers and specialty rescue teams such as USAR, livestock / horse owners and facility operators, etc.) and anyone that needs to understand the specifics of TLAER and desire a more specialized, technical level of training.

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 a detailed 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 intensive and emphasizes instruction in rescue scene management regarding animal behavior, roles of responders, use of containment and basic to advanced manipulation methods. Live animals will be used for simple to difficult live demonstrations, students will perform these procedures and techniques with supervision from an instructor, to include basic to advanced handling skills. 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 a feature of this course. A realistically weighted mannequin may be used in selected training scenarios to reduce the chance of injury to students and to demonstration animals (based on environmental factors, etc.).

*ATTENDANCE and PREREQUISITES* - At the discretion of the course host or organizer, participants registering for the Operations Level Course can either be auditors or hands-on. As a prerequisite, in order to become certified at the Operations Level, a person must already be certified at the TLAER Awareness Level or must provide proof of attendance as an auditor at a past Operations Level Course. To receive TLAER Operations Level Certification once the prerequisites have been met, a person must complete the course as a "hands-on" participant and must be present for all of the course hours. Auditors of the Operations Level course may receive TLAER Awareness Level educational credit for attending all hours of the course. 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.

