

Code 3 Associates Update – Eric Thompson

- We have started up training dates again for 2020. We completed some training with Washington DC Fire in May; and have Ohio TF-1 and City of Chicago FD on the schedule coming up in July and August. We have to reschedule with New Jersey as they are not sure when they will open their training schedules for 2020.
- We have teamed up with Guardian Centers in Georgia (<https://guardiancenters.com/>) to develop scenario mission-ready package training for ASAR teams. Once we have field scenario training up and running we hope to invite USAR and TF teams to the Guardian Center so we can have ASAR and USAR teams training together before they have to work together in a real disaster.
- ASAR Training and Response is teaming up with Rescue 3 International to update their technical animal rescue classes along with accredit the ASAR training. We were recently approved to be a Rescue 3 International provider (certificate attached) and hope to have additional curriculum available that will be accredited by both ASAR and Rescue 3.
- We continue to work with ESRI and Survey 123 partners to develop animal related field tracking capabilities. As you know Survey 123 version 7 has an animal component to it, but it is very general information. I recently created an ASAR Field form through Survey 123 that will pick up where version 7 leaves off for more detailed animal metrics to be gathered. The form is currently being beta-tested by national animal response partners but seems to be getting good feedback. Here is a link to the field form in case you are interested to what the ASAR teams will be gathering: <https://arcg.is/14KXW8>
- At the request of some of our USAR team partners, we have developed an 8-hour training program that deals specifically with large animal issues in floodwaters. We will be rolling this out in August in WI with some of their regional teams. It will complement the Animal Rescue Specialist training we currently offer the USAR and TF teams that primarily deals with companion animals. Here is a link to that class: <https://eerular.org/event/1a-floodwater-sauk-city-aug-2020/>

As usual those are just some of the highlights we have been working on. In addition to continued efforts to get ASAR and USAR teams trained and aware of each other; we are also adding in exotic animal specialists from Zoos across the Country. We hope to start filling the gaps we have encountered as we seem to increasingly see exotic facilities impacted during disasters.

In addition to all of the ASAR/USAR work I recently have been asked to take the role of Interim Executive Director at Code 3 Associates to help get their awareness and operations level training up to speed. I've been running their disaster response team for about 10 years now but had not dealt with their training branch until now. I'll be moving their platform to a "Whole Community" training and workshop platform to hopefully provide a mechanism of bringing Animal Control Units and welfare agencies into the disaster fold at a boots-on-the-ground level. Mitigation and resource management at the local level would really help the ASAR teams during a response. So, it will be a new effort to prepare communities and do some hand-holding to connect resources within the Emergency Management structure.

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