

Large Animal Rescue Awareness (LARA)

**Training for first responders –
what they need to know when
managing large animal incidents**

Annually, more than five million animals travel across Illinois, increasing the likelihood of large animals, their trailers and tow vehicles being involved in accidents.



In 2013, the University of Illinois Fire Service Institute

recognized the need for understanding how to deal with large animal emergencies and began offering LARA as part of its Cornerstone training inventory. Classes are offered throughout Illinois at no cost to local departments and are coordinated through IFSI's Agricultural Rescue Training Program and Regional Representatives.

The class covers key elements not generally part of a routine first responder day:

- ◆ **Incident prevention and evacuation planning**
- ◆ **Understanding animal behavior (in normal settings and under stress)**
- ◆ **Humane handling of large animals**
- ◆ **Understanding large animal restraint**
- ◆ **Large animal scene management**
- ◆ **Water and unstable ground rescues**
- ◆ **Containment and capture of loose large animals**
- ◆ **Trailer and transport incidents**
- ◆ **Barn fires**
- ◆ **Protecting the first responder, the animal and the public**

All first responders can benefit from attending this class: fire, police, EMS, sheriff departments, Department of Natural Resources and Forest Preserve Officers.

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