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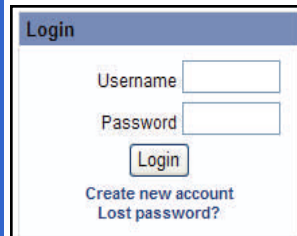
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NAHERC Training: At A Glance

In a cooperative agreement from the United States Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, the Center for Food Security and Public Health created the NAHERC training site at Iowa State University's College of Veterinary Medicine. The courses on the site are intended to assist

NAHERC members in understanding the role and importance of the National Animal Health Emergency Response Corps in protecting animal health. These courses must be completed within a week of being activated for deployment. All members are encouraged to take the courses before that time. Will you log in to take some free on-line training? No membership number is required, only a username and password you create; access is granted immediately. The link to the site is as follows: <https://naherc.sws.iastate.edu/>.



There are currently ten courses available on the site; general courses as well as Incident Command System (ICS) courses. Upon completion of each course, members will be able to print course certificates similar to the one below.

General and ICS Courses Available:

- Introduction to NAHERC
- Biosecurity
- Cleaning and Disinfection
- Exotic Avian Diseases
- Health and Safety
- Personal Protective Equipment FAD PReP/NAHEMS
- Vesicular Diseases
- ICS 100: Incident Command System
- ICS 200: ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents
- ICS 700: National Incident Management System (NMS), Introduction



Upon completion of these modules, you should be able to:

- Understand your basic responsibilities as a NAHERC member
- Know what to expect if you are called for an animal health emergency
- Describe the general organization of ICS and understand why this system is needed
- List the operations teams used in the ICS, describe their duties, and know where to find additional ICS training



NATIONAL ANIMAL HEALTH EMERGENCY RESPONSE CORPS

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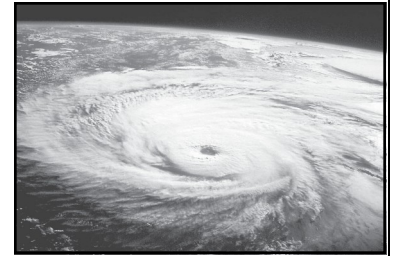
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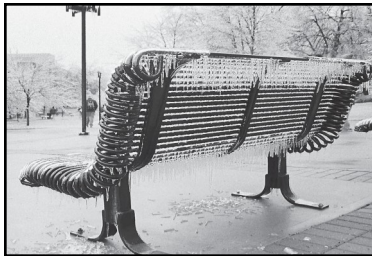
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Emergency Preparedness a Must

During the first 9 months of 2011, the United States saw strange and destructive weather. There were 10 separate natural disasters according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. The Federal Emergency Management (FEMA) indicated the States will need \$5.2 billion for known disaster relief. This estimate does not include the devastating Hurricane Irene.



As we have recently seen, hurricanes can cause catastrophic damage to coastlines and several hundred miles inland. Winds can exceed 155 miles per hour. Hurricanes and tropical storms can also spawn tornadoes and microburst, create storm surges along the coast and cause extensive damage from heavy rainfall. Hurricane Irene was a powerful hurricane that struck along the Atlantic coastline that left extensive flood and wind damage along its path through the Caribbean, the United States and Canada. As a result, a large number of residents and business were without power for days and weeks.

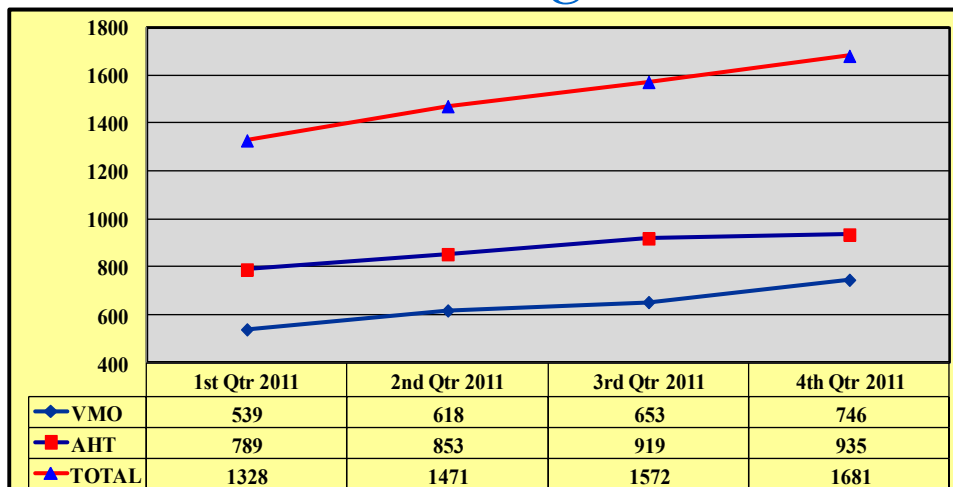


As we wind down hurricane season and approach the winter season, emergency preparedness is a must; personal preparedness for ones immediate family and property as well as responder teams such as NAHERC. The NAHERC Coordinator's goal is to maintain the NAHERC at a ready rate; having members complete all training and assessments so they are ready to be activated should we be called upon to do so. During an emergency and immediately following, there may be a need to activate NAHERC to protect both animals and people. So, what can NAHERC members do to be prepared for an emergency? One of the things NAHERC members can do is complete the online training using the link on page one of this publication if you have not done so already, the second is complete any administrative tasks not completed, such as the Privacy Act Release Form or forwarding DVM or VMD transcripts to the NAHERC Coordinator. The more tasks completed in advance of an emergency, the more efficient response time to the emergency. As always, NAHERC members have the option to accept or decline a request for activation each time they are asked to respond to an emergency.

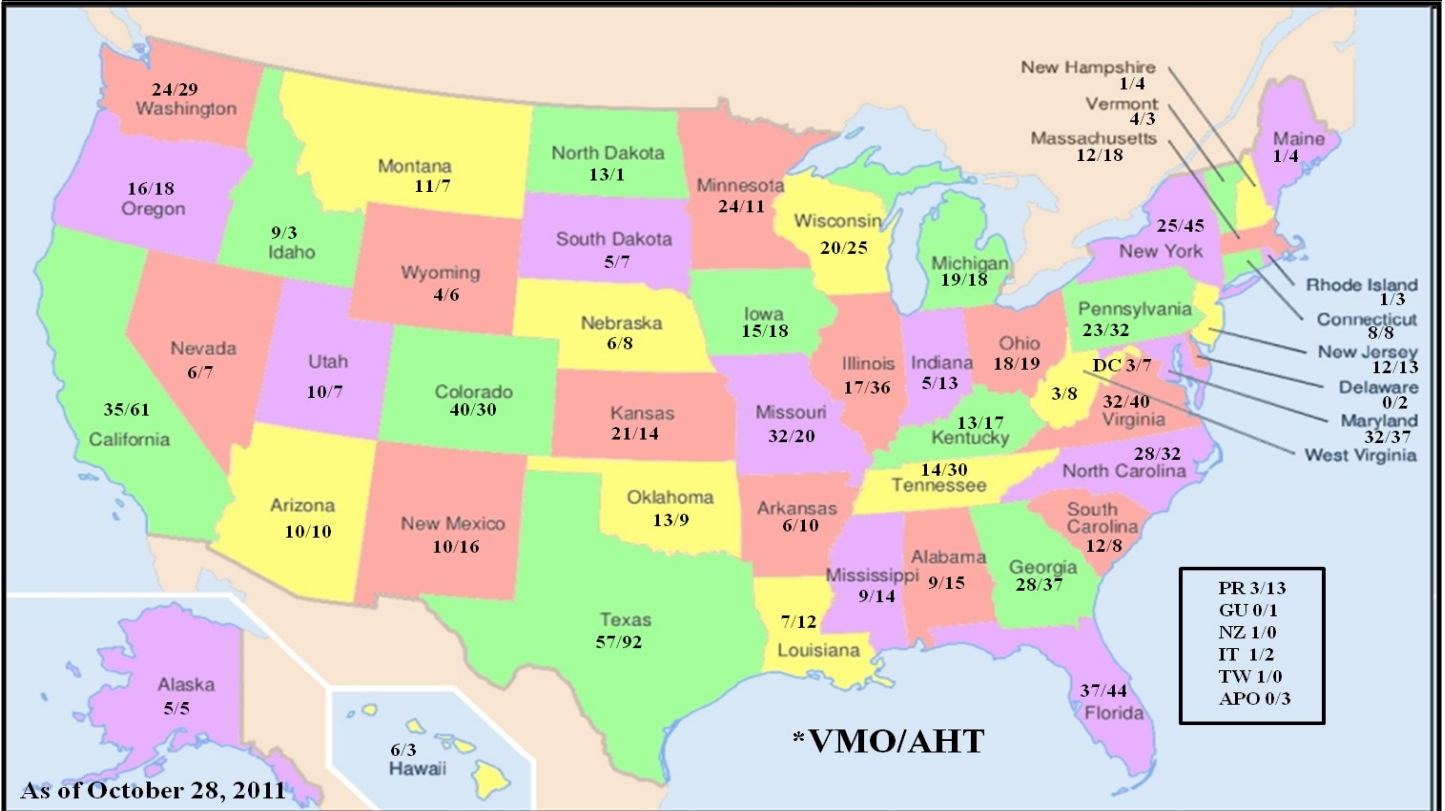
Convention Update

In January 2012, Thomas Cunningham, the NAHERC Coordinator and Project Lead, Daisy M. Witherspoon will attend the North American Veterinary Conference (NAVC) in Orlando, Florida. This was a great event last year. We met many prospective applicants who are now NAHERC members as well as long time members. NAHERC will once again be located at booth 104. Please join us at the Gaylord National Convention Center. Conference dates: January 14 -18, 2012. Additionally, we are tentatively scheduled to attend the CVC East, Washington, DC, April 26 - 29, 2012; the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) Annual Convention in San Diego, California, August 4 - 7, 2012; the CVC Central in Kansas City, August 25 - 28, 2012. More information will be provided as these dates draw nearer. We hope to see you at one or more of these events.

NAHERC Growth During Fiscal Year 2011



NAHERC Strength as of October 2011



VMO	AHT	TOTAL	PA*
777	955	1732	494

*Number of Members who have signed the Privacy Act Release Form (since May 2010)

In addition to our state totals, we would like to point out we have NAHERC members located Puerto Rico, Guam, New Zealand, Italy, Taiwan, and other overseas locations.

Frequently Asked Questions

Over the past couple of years, the NAHERC Coordinator and staff have been asked many questions. We've compiled a list of the frequently asked questions. To view these questions and answers, please visit http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health/emergency_management/naherc.shtml. If you have a question that isn't listed there, please e-mail us at NAHERC@aphis.usda.gov.

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