

FIR's 2014 Impact by the Numbers

Seventeen

Deployments in 2014

2 *disaster*

14 *cruelty*

1 *placement & transport*



71

Investigations



55

Consultations

**One Hundred
& Fifty Six**

Criminal charges filed



Ninety One

Trainings provided

impacting

14,365 *Animals impacted*
(animals rescued + animals assisted)

8,263

attendees



9,209 *Animals assisted*
(consultations + investigations)

5,156 *Animals Rescued*



FIR Response Equipment Sampler

- Over 20 vehicles, trailers, and equipment for response and investigations including a 82' personnel support trailer with command post



**Midwestern Disaster
Resiliency Program**

Don't Wait Until Disaster Strikes

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Building Community Capacity

In 2014, the ASPCA launched a multi-year program to build disaster capacity and resiliency in ten Midwestern states – **Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Missouri, Iowa, and Minnesota.** Grants available from \$500 to \$5,000 and ASPCA staff for strategic counsel or trainings are all included in the program at no cost to the listed states and communities.

Funding available for:

- **Training** for local, state and regional audiences. Topics might include field response, emergency animal sheltering, incident command system, and slack water, swift water, rope or high angle rescue.
- **Response equipment** which might include items such as emergency animal sheltering supplies or a technical rescue package.
- **Disaster planning assistance** such as resource survey development, plan review exercises, or meeting facilitation.
- **Travel** to deployments with the FIR team to gain experience and encourage active membership in your animal response team.

Eligible Organizations

Organizations must be an agency or group having jurisdiction over animals in disaster for their community or state. This may include:

- Local animal control authorities
- Local, regional, and state animal response teams
- Animal humane groups
- Government agencies

Why Work With FIR?

Beyond the Midwest Disaster Resiliency Program, there are several other opportunities to work with the ASPCA Field Investigation and Response (FIR) Team. FIR responders can provide as much expertise as the situation and requestor requires. While not required for assistance, we encourage communities to start their relationship with FIR before the disaster happens. Through the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) process, you will learn more about the resources our team brings to bear and we learn more about your community.



Cruelty including Animal Fighting, Hoarding Neglect, & Puppy Mills

- Criminal investigations
- Identifying probable cause and preparing search/seizure warrants
- Crime scene processing
- Evidence collection and documentation
- Forensic testing
- Veterinary forensic services

- Case file preparation
- Legal consultation

Disaster & Field Rescue

- Swift and slackwater water rescue
- Animal search and rescue
- Emergency transportation
- Assessments
- Emergency animal sheltering
- Animal handling
- Incident command

For more information on working with the ASPCA to build your disaster resiliency, contact Lacie Davis
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