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Zoological Disaster Response, Rescue, and Recovery (ZDR3)

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PREPARE FOR ZOOLOGICAL DISASTERS

ZDR3 Regional Response Readiness Workshop Will be Held in April

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas - With an increase in weather- and human-related disasters of all kinds, it's important to train the next generation of zoological responders.

The next ZDR3 Regional Response Readiness workshop, hosted by Texas State Aquarium, is being held April 9-10, 2024. It is for FEMA Region 6 (TX, OK, LA, NM, & AR), though participants from other regions are welcome. A facility does not need to be a member of ZDR3 to participate.


Disaster response encompasses a wide range of skills, many of which are best taught in person. This 2-day Regional Response Readiness workshop allows personnel from different facilities to establish relationships that evolve into collaborative preparedness.

Participants network and plan with teams from other ZDR3 Network facilities in their region and learn:

- how preparing to respond to other facilities can help enhance a facility's own planning and preparedness needs and adherence to contingency planning requirements
- about ZDR3's disaster response planning specific to their region, and how to be more involved
- how to develop disaster response teams to support other zoological facilities impacted by a disaster
- how to strengthen their own facility's response capacity
- how teams from different facilities can complement each other's strengths

ZDR3 previously led disaster response workshops hosted by the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium (FEMA Region 5) and the Jacksonville Zoo (FEMA Region 4).

At a recent conference, ZDR3 introduced tabletop exercises, which challenges participants to work with peers to determine how best to manage a zoological disaster. Regional Readiness Workshop participants will have the opportunity to work together on a tabletop scenario.



ZDR3 Facilitates Peer-to-Peer Assistance

Facilities that work with non-domestic animals have always turned to their colleagues at nearby facilities for assistance because no one understands how to work in a zoological environment better than others who have that specialized knowledge and training.

We created ZDR3 to offer our colleagues a more efficient way to request and receive assistance: If you're in the middle of a crisis, you need to be able to reach support quickly, and with a minimal number of phone calls.

ZDR3 has a resource library that expedites that process, then we make those calls, coordinate the response teams, and manage the logistics so the facility in distress can focus on taking care of their staff, animals, and immediate needs.

"At the workshops, it is wonderful to watch experienced responders interacting with peers who want to improve their response skills," says ZDR3 Executive Director Julia Wagner. "Workshop participants take what they learn back to their home facility to share and utilize for incidents they need to manage there, and to be better prepared to assist other facilities facing their worst day."


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About Zoological Disaster Response, Rescue, and Recovery

ZDR3 is the largest zoological response organization in the United States. As an industry-led effort, ZDR3 provides support to zoos, aquariums, sanctuaries, and other non-domestic animal businesses before, during, and after significant incidents.



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