

# Deploy for BART!

*Bart-trained firefighters can go across state lines through EMAC. Now, our Certified Trainers can deploy too?*



**WOW! I've always wanted to deploy to help after a disaster strikes! What's EMAC, and how do I get involved?**

How does help get from one state to another in a disaster? During an emergency, it is imperative to work within the Incident Command System (ICS). During Hurricane Katrina, many well-meaning organizations made rescue efforts outside of the ICS structure, and ultimately complicated rescue efforts (or worse, needed rescuing themselves!) EMAC, the Emergency Management Assistance Compact, allows states to aid each other in an organized way during a disaster.

When a disaster happens, the affected State can request aid through EMAC. Minnesota can then send BART-trained first responders, or Certified Trainer Teams to do "just in time" training to first responders in the affected state! Certified Trainer Teams would be training disaster workers how to safely and effectively handle small and large animals encountered in emergency situations. The trained first responders will then be equipped with BART kits, to help them Save Lives.

Trainers who are interested in deploying have some homework to do. Their employer needs to sign off that the employee can deploy, up to 13 days at a time. The form can be obtained from Kimberly Barrett, BART Program Coordinator. A mandatory, 2-day EMAC training will be held at the New Brighton Public Safety Building, at a date to be determined.

Deploying trainers will also be required to become Incident Command System certified, to increase their knowledge of how disaster authority is organized.

Free training is available online at <http://training.fema.gov/IS/NIMS.asp> . Trainers will need to complete ICS 100, 200 and 700 courses.

Certification in IS-10 and IS-11 are strongly encouraged; these modules address animals in disasters specifically and are found at <http://training.fema.gov/IS/crslist.asp> .



Once deployable Certified Trainer teams are formed, these teams can be deployed, as needed up to 13 days at a time, to a state in need of "just-in-time" training. During this time, all travel expenses, insurance, and the trainer's regular salary will be paid by EMAC, so trainers can focus on the disaster relief effort. BART volunteers who are interested in this opportunity should contact Kimberly Barrett at [kim.barrett@basicanimalrescuetraining.org](mailto:kim.barrett@basicanimalrescuetraining.org) directly. The date for this event is Sunday, March 28, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Please RSVP with Kim by 3/26/2010. See information on our website also. <http://basicanimalrescuetraining.org/2010/03/march-28-2010-amac-training/>