



Strengthening Community Agrosecurity Planning Workshop

Fire Station 61, 101 W. Swanson, Wasilla, Alaska

June 10-11, 2013

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\$20 registration fee include lunch both days

Has your community recently experienced a disaster or emergency?

Is it time to re-evaluate and/or update your local emergency operations plan?

Would you like your community to have more comprehensive plans in place to safeguard agriculture, food, natural resources, and/or pets?

If you answered YES to any of these questions, then we have the right workshop for you! The 2-day **Strengthening Community Agrosecurity Planning (S-CAP)** Workshop is designed to enable community partners to:

- Build capacity to handle agricultural issues during an emergency or disaster
- Improve networking among stakeholders who can plan for and respond to emergencies
- Establish or enhance agrosecurity components within existing local emergency operations plans (EOPs)

Facilitators help participants at the local level work together within multi-agency teams to examine the issues relevant to their specific agricultural vulnerabilities. The workshop utilizes a capabilities-based planning approach to incorporate agricultural issues into local emergency operations plans. Critical local agricultural infrastructure assets are identified and prioritized. Threats to the food production continuum are defined and community agricultural vulnerabilities are identified.

Multiple activities throughout the 2-day workshop enable participants to begin construction of an agricultural component (e.g., Emergency Support Function (ESF) #11 Agriculture and Natural Resources) of their emergency operations plan, standard operating guidelines, and emergency resource lists. The method for developing ESF #11 that is taught during the workshop can be adapted for other components of the local emergency operations plan as well.

Stakeholders representing the following groups are encouraged to attend:

- Emergency Management
- Farmers/producers
- Veterinary Medicine
- Local, State, and Federal Government
- First Responders
- Volunteer Organizations

For more information, please contact program coordinator:

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