

Emergency Preparedness Fact Sheet

Allegheny County Emergency Services

Fact Sheet # 8

ACES Response Teams

Allegheny County Emergency Services has several specialized response teams that assist the Department in meeting its mission to support our citizens and first responders. These include: Animal Response Team, Decon/Rehab, Foam, Hazardous Material Teams, HAZMAT Medical Response Team, Search & Rescue, and Special Hazards Response Team

ACART

The Allegheny County Animal Response Team (ACART) is equipped and prepared to respond in the event of any natural or manmade disaster where individuals and animals need to be evacuated. Once the team has been notified that its services are required, the members will assess the situation and establish the appropriate temporary housing and needs necessary to take care of the displaced animals. Once the disaster has been cleared, animals will be returned to their owners. The ACART is available to and any other county in Pennsylvania upon request.



HAZMAT

Allegheny County has five HAZMAT units with teams serving five separate areas of the county. Trucks are equipped with the latest hazardous materials equipment, each having encapsulated suits, the latest in monitoring equipment, and communications capabilities. The units are equipped with fire frequency radios that enable communications to every fire department in Allegheny County.

Swiftwater Response

The Swiftwater/Flood Response Team was formed to provide water rescue for Allegheny County and surrounding counties, on request. All technicians are trained to NFPA 1670 Technician Level in water rescue, emergency boat operation, ice rescue and advanced line systems rescue. The team consists of water rescue technicians from eight departments within the county. It is also a part of the Pennsylvania Region 13 Homeland Security Task Force.



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