Health and Safety
Responder Security

Security Threats

- Intentional malevolent threats
  - Angered owners
  - Animal rights activists
  - Unauthorized media
  - Vandalism or theft
- Unintentional threats
  - Inadvertent intruders
  - Curious visitors
  - "Self-deployed" volunteers
- Aggressive dogs

Site and Personal Security

- Control access to the work site
  - Limit unauthorized access
- Prevent interference with response
- Account for personnel
- Limit risk of disease, hazards or injury

Security Officer

- Works with Operations Section Chief
  - Assess any security threats
  - Determine control measures
  - Establish personnel identification system
  - Establish communication system
  - Implement use of temporary fencing

Site Control Plan

- Site map and boundaries
- Site work zones
- Site communication
- Safe work practices
  - Use of "buddy system"
  - Personal protective equipment
- Medical assistance instructions

Site Security

- Control entry/exit
  - Limit unauthorized access
- Establish site boundaries
  - Post signs at perimeter
- Lighting
- Log book for allowed personnel
- Designated security personnel
  - Law enforcement
Work Zones

- Work zones
  - Control access and movement in area
    - Deters unauthorized personnel
    - Reduce risk of spread of disease
  - Establishment of work zones
    - Personnel are properly protected
    - Work activities confined to certain areas
    - Personnel can be located quickly

Biosecurity Work Zones

Responder Responsibility

- Follow established security measures
  - Explained at initial briefing
- Communication
  - Established methods
  - Cell phone, radio
- Be aware of surroundings
  - Unauthorized or suspicious persons
    - If noticed, contact your supervisor
    - Monitor the individual until assisted

Buddy System

- Accountability
  - Accounted for at ALL times
    - Site investigations, response control zone
    - Enter/exit through designated points
  - Work in pairs
    - Stay in close visual contact
    - Assist partner as needed
    - Observe for signs of distress
    - Find emergency assistance if needed

Non-Cooperative or Threatening Persons

- Guidelines
  - Travel in teams or with buddy
  - Carry cell phone at all times
  - Remain calm; avoid confrontation
  - Leave if safety concerns exist
    - Call supervisor, team leader or police
  - Document and report the incident
  - Situations can escalate quickly
- Interference is violation of US Code

Aggressive Dogs

- Be aware of surroundings
  - Listen for barking and observe when entering
- Do not enter when
  - Unrestrained dogs
  - Barking, but no dog seen
Aggressive Dogs

- When confronted by dog:
  - Do not stare into eyes or run
  - Stop, slowly back away, place barrier
  - If you fall, curl into ball with hands over head/neck
  - Get treatment and report if bitten

Resources

- USDA Foreign Animal Disease Preparedness (FAD PReP) Guidelines: Health and Safety
- USDA Health and Safety Plan

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