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Short Update

Good Evening: Please see below for an update on several issues.

1. **April 8, 2008 Board Meeting**

- At the recent Board meeting, it was decided that two proposed policies would be tabled and that a committee of the Board would further research the legal implications of these proposals. These draft policies are: **Loan of Equipment Policy** and **Animal Liability Waiver Policy** (to be used when an owner brings their animal to our temporary shelter). The Board Committee includes two attorneys. **Until such time as the Board acts on these suggested policies, do not implement any similar ones for your CART.**
- The Board decided to further table the suggested revision to the By-Laws and created a committee to assist staff in finalizing changes.

2. **Homeland Security Grants**

- It is expected that we will finally see our new grant by June 1, 2008. When received we will reprogram some of the funds as we will have 25 months to expend a 36 month grant. This grant will end on June 30, 2010 and we cannot carry funds forward beyond that date. This grant will allow us to purchase a significant amount of equipment (a trailer for each active CART, along with other necessary sheltering and rescue equipment). **Within the next few weeks, I will send to you a form to be completed which will allow you to indicate the types of equipment your CART needs. If you already sent me a request, please transfer that request into the form. This will make it a lot easier for us as we seek bids/prices for the items.**
- The process for requesting **new funding** has been ongoing for the last several months. PASART is the only Non-governmental organization in the state that is part of this yearly process. We have requested another \$465,000, which would take us through June 30, 2011. It is expected that we will annually request a similar amount to fund continued training and equipment needs.

3. **Coordinator Conference Calls**

- We will hold off on having the next call until after we receive the final documents for the current grant. At that time, we will discuss the grant requirements and the equipment needs.

4. **NIMS Compliance**

- Please remind your CART members of the Tier I training requirements. We must be NIMS compliant in order to receive Homeland Security Funding. I understand that turnover of volunteers will mean that we will always have folks who have not yet completed the required courses. However, please remind them that they need to complete the required courses as soon as they are able.

5. **National Conference on Animals in Disaster**

- Karen and I have been asked to be part of several panel discussions/presentations at the conference. We will be travelling to California the first week of June to attend and participate in this important national meeting.

6. **Animal Emergency Response Worker Project**

- As you will recall, PASART adopted the federal Animal Emergency Response Worker job titles and descriptions. This project was developed to allow responders to have "Uniform Typing of human resources" especially as it related to providing aid across state boundaries (EMAC). The Department of Homeland Security has formed a second work group to further develop the project as it relates to in-state responses. I have been asked to join that work group. I'll keep you advised as the group moves forward on its tasks.

If you have any questions on any of these, or other items, please let me know. As always, please share this email with your CART members. Thanks, Joel

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