

April 5, 2008 – Manhattan, KS
Basic Equine Awareness & Rescue Course (B.E.A.R.)

B.E.A.R. is a Level 1 ten-hour course designed for the Level 1 first responder. The B.E.A.R. course appeals to firefighters, law enforcement, animal control, veterinary specialties, rescue personnel, in addition to the general public. This course serves as a basic awareness on large animal rescue with an emphasis on equine rescue. The B.E.A.R. course is complimentary to both the Code 3 Associates Technical Animal Rescue Course, and the Technical Large Animal Emergency Rescue course instructed by Tomas and Rebecca Gimenez. B.E.A.R. also includes instruction given by fire Capt. John and Debbie Fox to help promote large animal rescue instruction across the nation.

Each class consists of four hours of class room instruction and six hours of hands on technical experience using actual rescue equipment in various mock rescue scenarios.

Some of the topics covered in each class are:

- Behavioral characteristics of horses and other large animals in stressful environments
- Approach and equipment for restraint and containment
- Position, timing, communication
- The horse owner & the large animal veterinarian
- The law enforcement officer and legal aspects
- Basics of rescue ropes, knots and rope systems (Z-Rig)
- Forward assist & backwards drag
- Placement of leg ropes/hobbles
- Cast animals
- Do's and don'ts of winches
- Trailer accidents
- Horse barn fires
- Vertical and mud rescue techniques

The cost of this class has been set at \$100 per student. Checks can be made out to EERU. The class will be held at the **Fox Creek Farm** located at 3320 W 69th Ave • **Manhattan,KS** 66503.

To register, contact Eric Thompson at asarcod3@yahoo.com or log onto the EERU website at www.eeru.org for registration information.