

## **News Release**

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### **EMERGENCY RESPONSE TRAINING FOR FIRST RESPONDERS SCHEDULED**

The Putnam County Office of Emergency Service, The Department of Homeland Security, The WV Department of Agriculture and The WVU Extension Service will hold a Bovine Emergency Response Plan Training for First Responders from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday in Winfield.

The class is for first responders, including law enforcement, fire, emergency medical services (EMS), emergency management and farmers. It is a one-day course that includes an overview of response and issues related to incidents involving transport of cattle or other large animals.

Topics will include response methods, biosecurity, proper animal care and handling, humane euthanasia, mortality handling and disposal.

Hands-on training will provide practical experience in animal handling, euthanasia and triage and containment.

The original educational project was funded by the Beef Check off, USDA-NIFA Smith Lever Special Needs Funds. Contact Frank Chapman at 304-586-0253 to register or for more information.