

# MERS Large Animal Rescue



Missouri Emergency Response Service(MERS) is a team of highly trained men & women from the community that provide a very valuable service to the community, as well as the entire state of Missouri and Illinois. We are all volunteers that have to take time off work to provide this service to the community. We do not charge any fees for our services. All of our expenses (gasoline, food, etc.) come out of our own pockets. MERS operating expenses to keep the organization running (specialized rescue equipment, uniforms, training, liability insurance) is 100% from donations. MERS owns a substantial amount of specialized technical large animal rescue equipment. With the number of calls that we have been asked to respond to, we are having to rotate some equipment out of service, and replace it with new equipment.

We ended 2006 with 16 call outs. The most publicized was the horrific I-44 horse trailer accident on September 27<sup>th</sup>. There were 42 horses on board the “double stacked” trailer, when it rolled over. MERS was very proud of the fact that 26 horses were saved, and as of February 18<sup>th</sup>, 7 of those horses have been adopted.

We ended 2007 with 35 call outs. One year to the date of the I-44 horse trailer accident, MERS responded to downtown St. Louis @ 12:30am, when a tractor trailer transporting 62 bulls overturned on the Poplar street bridge. Our day ended at 2:00pm in the afternoon, by the time we off loaded all of the bulls, and reloaded them onto an awaiting trailer. As of April 22, 2008, MERS has responded to 12 call outs already this year.

MERS Board of Directors consist of 4 businessmen from the community. There are no Board of Directors, or any other members of MERS, that receive any compensation, of any kind, for their services to MERS. We have no paid employees.

MERS is registered with the State of Missouri, as well as the Internal Revenue Service, as a 501c3 not for profit organization, as such, donations made to MERS should be tax deductible. You should consult with your tax advisor to determine your eligibility for deductions relating to MERS.

Thank you very much for your interest in Missouri Emergency Response Service.

## DONATIONS SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO:

Missouri Emergency Response Service (or MERS)

4420 Allenton Road

Wildwood, Mo. 63069

314-973-4921 for information

636-574-1700

EMERGENCY CALL OUT NUMBER

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