Strengthening Community Agrosecurity Preparedness Workshop
Whitfield County Emergency Operations Center
December 18, 2014, 8 am to 3 pm
December 19, 2014, 8 am to 4 pm
Whitfield County Extension

Is it time to re-evaluate and/or update your local emergency operations plan?

Would you like your community to have more comprehensive plans in place to safeguard agriculture, food, natural resources, and/or pets?

If you answered YES, then we have the right workshop for you! The 2-day Strengthening Community Agrosecurity Preparedness (S-CAP) Workshop is designed to enable community partners to:

• Build capacity to handle agricultural issues during an emergency or disaster
• Improve networking among stakeholders who can plan for and respond to emergencies
• Establish or enhance agrosecurity components within existing local emergency operations plans (EOPs)

Facilitators help participants at the local level work together within multi-agency teams to examine the issues relevant to their specific agricultural vulnerabilities. The workshop utilizes a capabilities-based planning approach to incorporate agricultural issues into local emergency operations plans. Critical local agricultural infrastructure assets are identified and prioritized. Threats to the food production continuum are defined and community agricultural vulnerabilities are identified.

Multiple activities throughout the 2-day workshop enable participants to begin construction of an agricultural component (e.g. Emergency Support Function (ESF) #11 Agriculture and Natural Resources) of their emergency operations plan, standard operating guidelines, and emergency resource lists. The method for developing ESF #11 that is taught during the workshop can be adapted for other components of the local emergency operations plan as well.

Stakeholders representing the following groups are encouraged to attend:

• Emergency Management
• Cooperative Extension Service
• Veterinary Medicine
• Public Health

• Local, State, and Federal Government
• First Responders
• Volunteer Organizations
• Agricultural Business & Production

To register, please contact host site coordinator by 12/12/14:
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