

# Veterinary Services

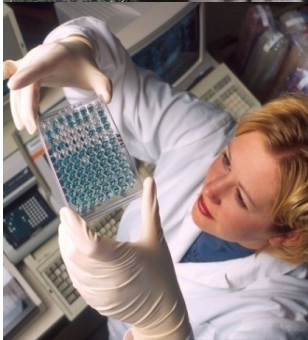
Emergency Preparedness  
and Response

Training and Exercise Initiative

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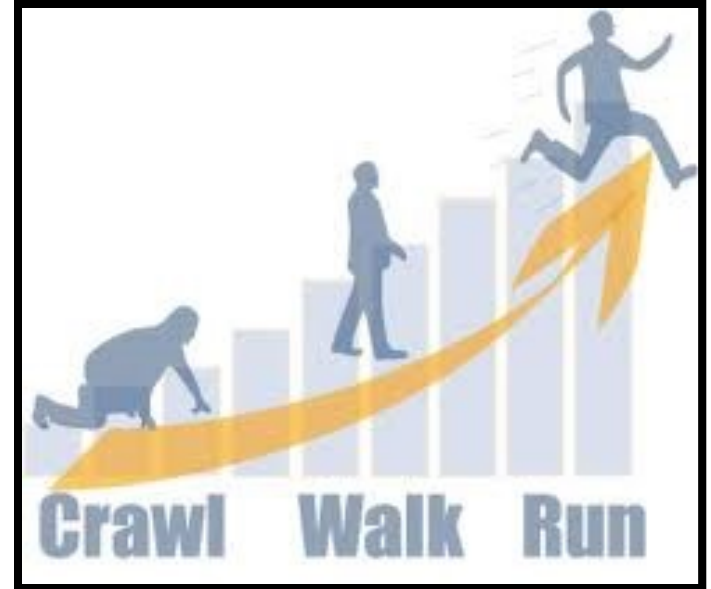


# VS Emergency Preparedness and Response T&E Team

- 40 Federal and State representatives
- VS employees from every VS unit and emergency responder external stakeholder members
- Ms. Sandy Johnson is the MSPSA representative

# Building and Enhancing Capabilities

- “Crawl, Walk, Run”
- Establish track record of success with simple, achievable events.
- Increase complexity over time as T&E process is institutionalized and “low-hanging fruit” harvested.



# VS TEP FY 15 Priorities

1. **Formalize** emergency preparedness and response T&E initiative.
2. **Train** VS and external stakeholder emergency responders.
3. **Exercise** VS' and external stakeholder emergency responders' capabilities to prepare for and respond to FAD/EDIs.

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# Progress on Priority 1

- Cooperative agreement with Iowa State University Center for Food Security and Public Health to support VS TEP



- Contracted with SES, Inc. for support.

# VS TEP FY15 Objectives

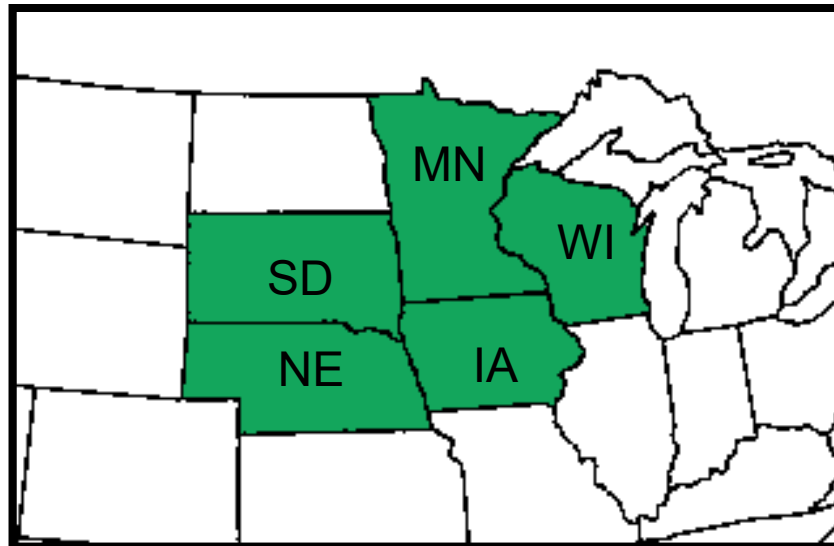
- 3.3. Participate and engage in T&Es sponsored by or in collaboration with external stakeholder emergency responders that support the VS T&E strategy.

# Events

- Event 3.3.1. MSPSA and VS Area Command **Workshop**.
  - Two-day, face-to-face workshop.
  - 16-17 September 2015, National Center for Animal Health, Ames, IA.
  - Purpose is to build plans and procedures for area command and resource management during a multi-state FAD outbreak.
  - Mr. John Roberts and Dr. Jon Zack have discussed the concept of VS Area Command.
  - Important aspect will be coordination of State Area Command plans and VS Area Command Plans.

## MSPSA and VS Area Command Workshop

What will Area Command look like for an outbreak of FMD in IA, WI, NE, SD and MN?



The Multi-State Partnership for Security in Agriculture



# Events

- Event 3.3.2. MSPSA and VS **TTXs** for area command and resource management during a multi-state FAD outbreak. (early FY 2016)
- Event 3.3.3. MSPSA and VS **drills** for area command and resource management during a multi-state FAD outbreak. (late FY 2016)
- Event 3.3.4. MSPSA and VS multi-day **functional exercise** for area command and resource management during a multi-state FAD outbreak. (FY 2017)

# Moving Forward

- Need IA, MN, MO, NE, SD and WI representatives on the MSPSA and VS AC WS working group (planning team).
- All MSPSA States stay engaged.
- Input welcome through MSPSA representatives – Ms. Sandy Johnson, Mr. Mark Shearer.

