

**H.E.A.R.T.
Horse Evacuation And Resource Team
Barn Watch**

Most people are familiar with the concept of “Neighborhood Watch,” the idea that neighbors look out for one another, help protect the neighborhood, and watch for suspicious behavior. But what about equestrian neighborhoods and horse stables? How can we protect our horses in an emergency, particularly in case of a brush fire or structure fire?



Volunteers at the San Dimas Sheriff’s Station have expanded on the ideas of Neighborhood Watch to create the **Horse Evacuation And Resource Team**. In the past, horse owners had to fend for themselves or rely on strangers to care for their horses in a fire emergency. HEART is a more reliable way to handle horse safety, evacuation and shelter during a disaster. The purpose of HEART is to provide advance planning, volunteer training, resource identification, and a rapid notification system in case of a fire. Trained volunteers with reliable equipment will rescue horses in danger and transport them to pre-designated safe sites.



HEART volunteers receive training on emergency plans, help to document horse rescues and movement, and learn how to safely move horses without injury to humans or horses. More experienced volunteers are extensively trained as shelter site managers. HEART helps horse owners in forming an emergency plan to address transportation and supplies, well-considered emergency contact information, and issues of horse identification. The HEART Horse Evacuation Guide also addresses smaller animals and pets, access routes, a model phone tree, and an “emergency activation checklist.”

In May, 2014, the [Inland Valley Daily Bulletin](#) highlighted the background and formation of HEART. [Click here](#) to read further.

Partners in the program include:

Barrett’s at Fairplex
Bonelli Park Equestrian Center, San Dimas
Citrus Feed Co., Azusa
Fairplex Pomona
Fred Palmer Arena, La Verne
Inland Valley Humane Society

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San Dimas Sheriff's Station is one of six stations within the East Patrol Division of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. The Station's jurisdiction encompasses approximately 276 square miles. In addition to serving the City of San Dimas, the station serves unincorporated communities of Azusa, Covina, Glendora, La Verne, Claremont, Pomona, the Los Angeles County portion of Mt. Baldy, a large portion of the Angeles National Forest (State Route 39), and portions of Angeles Crest Highway (Highway 2). The population for these areas is approximately one hundred and five thousand (105,000), nearly sixty six thousand (69,000) in the unincorporated areas and more than thirty-six thousand (36,000) in the City of San Dimas.

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