

Emergency responders typically perform rescues of humans and not equines; therefore equine anatomy, psychology and behavior under stress, handling and safety concerns are not foremost on their minds during a rescue operation. Think of how your equine partner would handle being trapped in a situation with no self-escape, only to be approached by vehicles with loud sirens and flashing lights then approached by multiple responders, or "predators", wearing emergency gear, smelling of smoke, and making scary noises. Then those same people gather around your equine partner, who already is stressed and acting on instinct alone, and touch, push, and pull on sensitive parts of its body apply long lengths of rope and straps, start and use noisy equipment, deploy poles, ladders, hoses and heavy equipment in order to perform the rescue operation.

Have you ever thought about what you would do or how you would react if you were in an emergency incident with your horse requiring him/her, or you both, to be rescued in order to survive... for example – a motor vehicle accident in which your trailer is overturned, a trail incident where your horse ends up upside down at the bottom of a ravine, an entrapment in your pasture where your horses legs are caught in fencing, a barn incident when your horse becomes cast in a stall, or you find your horse belly deep stuck in mud unable to free him/herself. As horse owners, we tend to remain steadfast in our comfort zone, thinking that we are as prepared as we can be for any emergency. One should be applauded for being prepared for an emergency, but it is difficult to be prepared for something that you never thought about happening... simply because we believe it won't or can't happen to us...or even have that "if it ain't broke, don't fix it" mentality as day to day operations have been occurring for years without incident. Don't think you will never be exposed to these type of situations...because it can happen to you when you least expect it!



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## Prior Proper Preparation Prevention

Reality Based Training for  
Horses and Horse Owners



**Kelly Sigler**  
3 Star Parelli Professional  
and  
**North Carolina**  
**Specialized Mobile**  
**Animal Rescue Team**

Life Saving Training for every  
horse and horse owner



Prepare yourself...  
Prepare your equine partner!

Think about the following...

Imagine that you are riding with friends on a trail, crossing a creek bed, when suddenly your horse goes down and becomes stuck in a muddy area. Would you know how to free him/her from the mud and move him/her to solid ground without causing further injury?

Do you know how to better prepare your horse trailer, horses, and yourself for safe travel? If you are involved in a motor vehicle accident and your horse trailer overturns, trapping your horses inside... What would you do? What would happen to your horses if you were transported to the hospital?

During a mandatory evacuation where you and your family had to leave without him/her, have you ever considered if your horse would be able to be evacuated during a natural disaster by emergency personnel, wearing strange clothing, smelling of smoke and other odors, sounding frightening while breathing through a mask attached to an air tank, or would he/she be left behind to perish or try to survive alone.

If there was a fire affecting the barn your horse was in and you could not evacuate him/her, would he/she willingly turn and face a firefighter attempting to save its life or would he/she act on instinct alone and panic inside the stall not permitting a successful rescue but ultimately resulting in a tragic outcome.

Most equine owners are shocked to discover that their equine, who may act like a partner with them, rears or kicks when panicked or trapped, flees when approached by strangers, or is one of the victims left behind in a barn fire evacuation by a fire fighter because it could not be haltered, or is left behind to endure the wrath of a Category 4 hurricane because it would not load onto an unfamiliar trailer under the direction of an emergency responder, or unfortunately meets an tragic end because the additional stress and the lack of understanding of anatomy and psychology between the rescuers (predators) and your equine (prey animal) during the rescue operation results in further injury.

Now...think about how the benefits of "Prior, Proper, Preparation" through educational presentations and live demonstrations could physically, mentally and emotionally improve this unfortunate experience for all involved, especially you and your equine partner.

Prepare yourself... Be an asset in an emergency and help the responders. You may be the difference between the life and death of your equine partner, be prepared to respond instead of react and know what to do, when to do it, and how it should be done.

Prepare your equine partner... Learn how Parelli Natural Horsemanship training (7 Games, etc.) can help prepare your equine partner to better physically, mentally, and emotionally handle a high stress situation while being rescued by responders with specialized equipment, loud noises, strange smells, and predatory movements. in a high stress environment.

**DON'T BE THAT HORSE OWNER THAT ENDS UP SAYING  
"I WISH I WOULD HAVE KNOWN WHAT TO DO TO HELP"...**

**BE THAT HORSE OWNER THAT SAYS  
"I KNOW WHAT TO DO AND I CAN HELP!"**

**DON'T MISS OUT THIS VALUABLE CLINIC OPPORTUNITY!**

Join Kelly Sigler Patterson, 3 Star Parelli Natural Horsemanship Professional and Justin McLeod and Tori Miller of NC SMART (North Carolina Specialized Mobile Animal Rescue Team) as they instruct a lifesaving two day educational training clinic for you and your equine partner...or for just you. This clinic will consist of detailed audio visual presentations, hands-on practical exercises, and interactive evolutions involving both a barn fire simulation with fake smoke, a real firefighter in full response gear, noise desensitization, emergency trailer loading, and barn and trailer safety evaluations. Both participants with horses and participants without horses will complete this clinic with a heightened understanding of equine anatomy and psychology under stress, an awareness of rescue operations and emergency services responses, a list of simple equipment and resource information that could be beneficial for any horse owner to have on hand, prevention concepts for your facility and trailer, recommendations to follow should an emergency incident occur, knowledge of what not to do in an emergency incident (which is just as important as what to do), natural horsemanship training techniques that can develop your horse into a more calm and cooperative victim during a rescue operation, and an informational course manual for future reference.

In addition to the horse owner's clinic...

For a reasonable fee, a three hour specialized Basic Large Animal Rescue Training course is available for local area emergency services departments in association with a scheduled horse owner's clinic. This clinic can be scheduled at the clinic facility or at a local emergency services department on the night before the clinic or the first night of the clinic, usually within the hours of 6PM through 10PM. At the clinic hosts discretion, those who attend the emergency services training presentation can audit the horse owner's clinic free or for a reduced fee. Clinic hosts are encouraged to inform their local emergency services departments of this training opportunity and advise them to contact us for more information.

**If you are interested in attending a scheduled clinic, are considering hosting a clinic in your area, or need additional information please contact us.**

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