



CMDART is actively seeking Board members to expand our current core group of Directors. Our organization is actively aware of the limits of volunteer time and the need to assess reasonable goals in our yearly planning and distribution of duties. Our aim is to recruit additional skills in order to equitably distribute needed tasks to help sustain our mission and continue to be available to serve our communities. Without help, we cannot sustain this mission and continue to provide services.

CMDART offering the following opportunities to the right people:

- Gain knowledge and experience in planning, finance and emergency management
- Network and connect with high profile people in Central Massachusetts
- Enhance and challenge your organizational and leadership skills
- Increase your professional network
- Helping to improve the safety and welfare of pet owners and animals
- Contribute to a humanitarian cause that can prevent, respond to and reduce suffering.

CMDART was established in January 3, 2003 and became a non-profit in February 7, 2007. The team has shown considerable growth in 13 years. The current volunteer roster includes more than 130 plus volunteers from southern Worcester County north to Lunenburg. The team currently has agreements with approximately 20 towns out of 65 that make up Massachusetts Emergency Management Region 4, Central Mass.

CMDART's current Board has been primarily composed of grass-roots animal disaster responders, several who own their own businesses, are connected with medical services, members of local civic groups, and/or work for corporations. We are now, also seeking individuals who may come from more of an administrative background.

Commitment to the Board includes a monthly meeting in person or by conference call plus fund-raising support in small or large ways. Good computer skills including the use of email required. Skills in some form of business experience and non-profit task groups desirable. Familiarity with emergency management, animal welfare, or disaster services is a plus, but non-profit or business management would be a larger priority for the Board slots currently open. Strategic planning, financial management and committee service are an active part of Board member responsibilities. Applicants must be able to communicate effectively in a group and be flexible with developmental change common with group organizational activity. Residency in Central Mass required. The Board of Directors will actively plan and represent CMDART at annual meetings and, if possible, participate in at least three programs per year.

Board members must be dedicated, sympathetic or at least aware of, the efforts of animal disaster response in the local community. They will help to establish a culture of pride, active participation and volunteerism to build our capacity and assist the establishment of strategic short and long-range goals.

Succession planning for our Director....

The founder, President and Volunteer Team Director, JoAnn Griffin, is a licensed social worker (LICSW) with community development experience who has served with the American Red Cross of Central Mass, done national and local disaster responses, and has served as a critical incident responder for several years. The current Board has been actively doing succession planning seeking candidates to serve as our volunteer President / and Chairman of the Board to manage the administrative support of our organization. With the possibility of a new President and Chairman, Mrs Griffin will be able to focus her attention to the duties of disaster operations services and in continued service as a member of our Board of Directors after 14 years of directorship. She can be contacted at president@cmdart.org A complete vitae of the Board and the Advisory Council is available.

For more information about our organization call our message line 508-803-1989 or the office at 508-476-2873 , go to our website at www.cmdart.org or on Facebook.com/cmdart. We thank you, in advance, for your interest in assisting the public safety of animals & pet owners when faced with disaster's in our Central Massachusetts communities.