



FIGHTING CRIME BUILDING HOPE

# Join Shelter and Animal Advocates from across the state for **2018 Stand Up for Animal Shelters: Policy and Advocacy** Monday and Tuesday, March 5 and 6 Room 711A in the Legislative Office Building

## Join us on Monday for Creating New Perspectives on Animal Cruelty

Three Workshops for Shelter Professionals, Law Enforcement, District Attorneys and ACO/DCOs

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### **9:00-10:30 am: Emergency Preparedness & Disaster Response 101**

*Speaker: Wanda Merling, Deputy Director, Operations, Animal Cruelty, Rescue and Response Team, HSUS*

Are ready should disaster strike? In this session learn the importance of, and how to prepare, a disaster response plan for your organization. Also learn about the Incident Command System and how a community-wide response is coordinated so you know where your organization fits into the overall response.

### **10:30 am-Noon: Ag & Markets Law 101**

*Speaker: Elizabeth Holmes, LVT/AHI 1, NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets, Division of Animal Industry*

In this session you'll learn the key points of the dog control laws as outlined in Article 7. If you have specific questions about how to interpret these laws or just want a refresher, this workshop is for you. As a bonus, the speaker will also talk about the Department of Agriculture & Markets regulations for animal shelters and how to be best prepared for a shelter inspection.

### **Noon-1:00 pm: Luncheon Keynote**

*Speaker: Albany County District Attorney David Soares*

Soares has been at the forefront of making animal cruelty a priority in law enforcement and prosecutions. Lunch will be provided.

### **1:00-2:30 pm: Tips to Building a Strong Animal Cruelty Case**

*Speaker: Gary Rogers, President, Nassau County SPCA and Hon. Craig Apple, Albany County Sheriff*

When responding to allegations of animal cruelty, everything we do can impact the quality of the case and can impact successful prosecution. In this session, learn tips for ensuring your cruelty investigations are well-done and the case rock-solid so the abuser doesn't get away. Content will include conducting veterinary examinations, collecting and handling evidence and do's and don'ts for handling media and other inquiries.

***Join the Federation and its members on Tuesday to educate your State Legislators on our issues. Same time, same place as Monday's program.***



**Join us for Monday or Tuesday or both days!  
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