

WESTERN AREA LIVESTOCK AND AGRICULTURE RISK MITIGATION PROJECT



GO BAG RECOMMENDATIONS



GO BAG/BOX COMPONENTS SHOULD BE BASED ON FORM, FUNCTION AND COMFORT. Consider your needs, the incident type, your normal role and the average deployment length as you pull the bag together.

YOUR COMFORT	COMMUNICATION & CLERICAL	INCIDENT SPECIFIC NEEDS
Medications & 1st Aid Kit	Cell Phone / Charger	Special Clothing & Layers
Outer Waterproof Layer	iPad & Charger	Specialized Equipment
Comfortable Mid Layer	Notepad & Pens	Specialized Reference Materials
Insulating Layer/Pillow	ID Badge	Specialized Safety Supplies
Solar/Wind Radio, Charger, Light	Official Garb	Prescreening protocols
Power Bars & Snacks	Address book & wallet	Specialized Identification & Credentials
Fleece Blanket & sweats.	\$\$\$\$ (Credit cards may not be usable)	Emergency Contact Information
1 clothing change w extra underwear & socks	Official radio if available **	Incident Specific Plans
Hygiene Kit & towel	Binoculars **	Personal Safety Equipment
Extra Glasses, Shades, earplugs and headband	Camera & Lighter**	Task books
Connection Cables	Adapter Pigtails	Emergency marking tools & flagging
Tunes & Tape measure	Multi-tool **	Multi-day food & water
GO mug & eating tool.	Maps and or GPS Unit**	ICS Command Portable Folder
Flashlight & cards	Small Whiteboard & Micro Projector **	Meeting Certain Physical Requirements
Durable shoes & gloves	Small P.A. System/ External Speaker **	Other items as needed by incident.

Go Bags are designed to be ready and standing by if called or notified. NFPA and NASAR recommendations are that they should be 25-35 pounds with easy carry design so your hands are free. When picking items look for quality, function and light weight. Having extra straps and carabiners on the outside allows connecting coats and other items conveniently. They should be wear and weather resistant with identification options. If you will be using air transport remember that many items may not be acceptable with the TSA.

If traveling by vehicle or boat (or horses) remember the more—the better. Start with food, clothing and shelter additions and then include extra equipment like those marked with asterisk above (**). Leave the trendy and fancy items for very last. A box of granola bars will always win out over games, makeup, decorative items and entertainment. As you move into larger things than a GO Bag—add more of what might be needed (tents, P.A.s, gear, and supplies).

The big trick is to take some time and think of what you will always need, and then think of what you may need. Pull it together—refine the gear and lose the weight. And you are ready to go.

Regards, Scott Cotton.

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