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The Northern Region Meeting of the New Jersey Certified Animal Control Officers featured Guest Speaker Detective Gidget Petry, of the Bergen County Police Department. Shown with Detective Petry (center) are (left) Carol Tyler, Northern Region Director and (right) NJCACOA State President Lisa Perry.

NJCACOA Northern Region Meeting Addresses ACO Responsibilities in Disaster

The NJCACOA Northern Region meeting was held on February 13, 2013 at 101 Hamburg Turnpike in Bloomingdale, N.J. The meeting had to be moved from its original location due to the overwhelming turnout for the meeting. This emphasizes the association's commitment to provide informative educational components to this year's meetings. The NJCACOA wishes to apologize for any confusion related to the last minute change to accommodate its members.

In light of Superstorm Sandy and the challenges created by other natural disasters on both a state and national level, Northern Regional Director Carol Tyler recruited Detective Gidget Petry, of the Bergen County Police Department to address the issue of an Animal Control Officer during a disaster.

Detective Petry covered topics including not only the ACO responsibilities, but procedures for establishing County Animal Response Team (CART) programs and sheltering of both animals and humans in disaster situations.

NJCACOA President Lisa Perry was extremely pleased with the Northern Region presentation and the overwhelming response to the meeting. She has emphasized that the NJCACOA is committed to providing professional training and pertinent topics to meetings across the state.

Both Perry and Tyler wish to thank Detective Petry for her interesting and pertinent presentation. Members are asked to continue to check the NJCACOA web site at www.njcacoa.org for upcoming state and regional meeting information.