

***Brad Deacon, Michigan Department of Agriculture***



Brad Deacon is the Emergency Management and Administrative Law Coordinator for the Michigan Department of Agriculture. Brad has an undergraduate and a law degree from Michigan State University, and spent a year studying in Germany on a Fulbright grant.

Upon return, Brad worked on the family farm until heading to Lansing in 1995 for a position in the Office of the Governor. Brad was the Department of Agriculture's Legislative Liaison for six years, and attended Michigan State University's law school at night, graduating Magna Cum Laude in 2004. Brad was the Department of Agriculture's Legislative Liaison and Regulatory Affairs Officer for six years before taking his current position in 2004.

Brad is the Co-Chair of the Michigan Food & Agriculture Protection and Defense Working Group, and represents the Michigan Department of Agriculture on the Homeland Security Advisory Council, the Homeland Security Preparedness Committee, the Michigan Citizen-Community Emergency Response Coordinating Council, and the State Animal Response Team (SART) board.

Brad will present an information program about the Michigan State Animal Response Team (SART) on Saturday, March 8, 3:45-4:45 p.m. in Seminar Room A.

Additional information about the State Animal Response Team is available on their website: [www.michigansart.org](http://www.michigansart.org).