

Information for Dispatch Centers and Emergency Services

What is Swarmed?

Swarmed is a community platform that connects the public with local beekeepers to safely rescue honey bee swarms. When someone reports a swarm, nearby beekeepers receive instant alerts and can respond directly. Swarmed is a satellite partner of the California Master Beekeeper Program at the University of California, Davis

Why This Helps Dispatch and Emergency Services

- Swarm sightings often lead to 911 calls.
- These are non-emergency situations unless someone is being stung or in immediate danger.
- Swarmed provides an appropriate referral path for the public and reduces time spent on non-urgent calls.
- Supports public safety and pollinator health.

How Swarmed Works

1. The public reports a swarm at beeswarmed.org
2. Local beekeepers receive instant alerts.
3. The first beekeeper to respond contacts the reporter and arranges safe removal.
4. No public agency involvement is needed for typical swarm removals.

Key Facts

- Swarmed connects to over 10,000 local beekeepers nationwide.
- Average response time is under 15 minutes in most areas.
- Thousands of swarms are successfully reported and rehomed via Swarmed each year.
- Less than 25 percent of swarms survive without beekeeper intervention (Dr. Tom Seeley).
- Tens of thousands of swarms occur across the US each year.
- Recent data from Project Apis m. shows commercial beekeepers lost an average of 62 percent of their colonies from June 2024 to February 2025, highlighting the urgent need to protect bee swarms.

Why Recommend Swarmed?

- Provides a trusted, beekeeper-driven solution.
- Reduces unnecessary burden on emergency services.
- Helps protect local ecosystems and agriculture.
- Easy to refer: simply share beeswarmed.org with callers.

Questions?

Contact: info@beeswarmed.org More information: beeswarmed.org

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