



# Federal Emergency Management Agency

Washington, D.C. 20472

## MEMORANDUM

**FOR:** Search Working Group  
Chair

**DATE:** 2-4-03

**FROM:** Canine Working Group

**SUBJECT:** Canine Working Group Meeting Minutes

Please find the attendance and agenda items addressed at the recent Canine Work Group conference call:

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| <b>MEETING DATE(s)</b> >>      |            | 1-31-03       | Call Number 54 |  |
| <b>MEMBERSHIP / ATTENDANCE</b> |            |               |                |  |
| Bruce Speer [chair]            |            |               |                |  |
| <b>Member</b>                  | <b>Y/N</b> | <b>Member</b> | <b>Y/N</b>     |  |
| Ann Wichmann                   | Y          |               |                |  |
| Anne Trout                     | Y          |               |                |  |
| Teresa MacPherson              | Y          |               |                |  |
| Chris Selfridge                | Y          |               |                |  |
| Shirley Hammond                | Y          |               |                |  |
| Rory Rehbeck (SWG)             | N          |               |                |  |
| Bruce Berry (SWG)              | N          |               |                |  |
| Lyn Chesmore (Guest-CA)        | N          |               |                |  |
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**AGENDA ITEMS/DISCUSSION**

- New Evaluators
  - Hilda Wood (To begin Type I Shadow Process)
  - Jeaneen McKinney (To begin Type II Shadow Process)
  
- CA Type I test
  - 3 wood piles acceptable?
  - Log pile acceptable test site?
  
- Aggressive canine
  
- OPS Meeting Report
  
- Next CWG face-to-face

*Note: The Canine Subcommittee will function as a Working Group pending final approval of Working Group status by FEMA.*

**PROPOSED ACTIONS**

■ **New Evaluators**

- Hilda Wood approved to begin Type I Shadow Process
- Jeaneen McKinney approved to begin Type II Shadow Process

■ **CA Type I test**

- CA contributes to the program hosting more tests than any other State on a regularly scheduled basis. Concern was raised as to compromising safety of test sites to meet scheduled test deadlines. It was argued that CA needs to have flexibility in selecting its test sites and will continue to make every effort to ensure the safety of the sites.
- A non-profit organization has requested to host a test on log piles at a site on the East Coast. It was noted that the piles are LOG piles as opposed to the WOOD piles used in the CA test. To use the log piles as a test site would require the inspection of a TF structural engineer.

**Aggressive Dog in Type II test**

- Letters from the Evaluators and a test participant will be forwarded to appropriate STM. Upon input from the STM and the Handler, the CWG will proceed according to the Aggression Policy as set forth in the DSCREP.

**OPS Meeting Report**

- The DSCREP was accepted by the Operations Working Group and is now at the Task Force Leaders level. It will be presented to them for approval at their meeting in March, 2003.

**Next CWG face to face**

- Bruce Speer would like to schedule our next face to face meeting for April 6, 7 & 8 2003.

■ **NEXT CALL**

- **2-14-03**
- **0900EST**