

MEMORANDUM

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Washington, D.C. 20472



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DATE: 25 September 2007

FOR: Rory Rehbeck, Chair
Search Working Group

FROM: Canine Sub-Group

SUBJECT: Canine Sub-Group Telecon Minutes

Please find the attendance and agenda items addressed on the Canine Sub-Group 25 September 2007 conference call:

| MEETING DATE(s) | | 25 September 2007 | Call # 111 |
|--------------------------------|------------|--------------------------|------------|
| MEMBERSHIP / ATTENDANCE | | | |
| Teresa MacPherson, Chair | | | |
| Member | Y/N | Guest | Y/N |
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| Mike Marks (Absent) | N | Jennifer Massey (scribe) | Y |
| Joe Caputo | Y | | |
| Cathy Schiltz | Y | | |
| John Dean | Y | | |
| Darren Bobrosky | Y | | |
| Debra Tosch | Y | | |
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AGENDA ITEMS/DISCUSSION

- 1) Minutes From 24 August Face-to-Face**
- 2) Chain of Command Issues**
- 3) MDFD Barbados Deployment**
- 4) MO Pre-Evaluation Conference Call**
- 5) DisasterDog and DisasterHelp Updated**
- 6) Canine Sub-Group 2008**
- 7) 2008 Calendar**
- 8) Question from Evaluator – Does IC'ing a test count towards evaluating?**
- 9) CSST Videos**
- 10) Telecon Dates – Canine Coordinators, Evaluators**
- 11) Next Call**

PROPOSED ACTIONS

- 1) Minutes From 24 August Face-to-Face**
 - Approved
- 2) Chain of Command Issues**
 - Handlers must route any controversial issues through their Canine Coordinator/Program Manager. The Canine Coordinator and/or Program Manager will decide whether to bring the issue to the Canine Sub-Group, or not.
- 3) Barbados Deployment**
 - After Action Report has been distributed. The deployment has raised awareness regarding use of Human Remains canines.

4) MO Pre-Evaluation Conference Call

- October 12, 2007 @ 1400 EDT

5) DisasterDog and DisasterHelp Updated

- DisasterDog.org and DisasterHelp.gov have been updated to reflect revised materials subsequent to the August CSG face-to-face meeting. The Evaluator roster and Groups for 2008 is not yet posted. Both will be distributed when the 2008 US&R Calendar is finalized.

6) Canine Sub-Group 2008

- Susann Brown is the nominee for the Central Division.
- Debra Tosch was re-nominated for the West Division.

7) 2008 Calendar

- The Program Office will distribute the US&R 2008 Calendar soon. Depending upon funding, there will be 9 or 12 canine events, i.e. CEs/CPs. When this is known, the CSG will send out the Evaluator Groups for 2008.
- Question—Can the state of California, through OES, request to host additional FEMA Canine tests that are “sanctioned” by FEMA?

Answer—the request could be made by a TF, using the established procedure for sanctioning.

- Face-to-face CSG meeting changed to April, San Diego, instead of August in DC.

8) Questions From Evaluator – Does IC'ing A Test Count Towards Evaluating?

- No, Incident Commander and Evaluator are two different positions.

9) CSST videos

- CSST videos are FEMA property, but may be used outside of the system for educational purposes in presentations. System members should not use them for personal gain.

10)Telecon Dates – Canine Coordinators, Evaluators

- Evaluators – 25 October 2007 @ 1400 EST and 30 October 2007 @ 1900 EST
- Canine Coordinators – 28 November 2007 @ 1400 EST

11)Next Call

- 12 October 2007 @ 1430 hours EST

CONFERENCE CALL(s)

CSG Call: 12 October 2007 @ 1400 hours EST

Pre-Evaluation: 12 October 2007 @ 1400 EST

Evaluator Call: 25 October 2007 @ 1400 EST and 30 October 2007 @ 1900 EST

Canine Coordinator Call: 28 November 2007 @ 1400 EST

NEXT FACE TO FACE MEETING

April 24-25, 2008 in San Diego, California