

AGENDA ITEMS/DISCUSSION

- 1) Minutes 4 August 2008 Telecon #121**
- 2) Deployments Gustav/Hannah/Ike**
- 3) CA-TF4 Evaluation**
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PROPOSED ACTIONS

- 1) Minutes 4 August 2008 Telecon #121**
 - Approved
- 2) Deployments Gustav/Hannah/Ike**
 - Introduction of Wide Area Search SMEs on IST
 - No vet on IST
 - PETS act—no clear provisions made to accommodate companion animals in shelters
 - Wide use of search labels, replacing paint
 - Good interoperability between State and Fed TFs

3) CA-TF4 Evaluation

- 83% pass rate
- Difficult to accommodate due to deployments, but those involved were able to make the test successful

4) NV-TF1 Evaluation

- 46% pass rate
 - many false alerts on clothing
 - many new, inexperienced teams
- Peer reviews were positive.
- Evaluator made an inappropriate comment (loudly) about one of the testing dogs resulting in complaints. CSG Rep will speak to Evaluator's Canine Coordinator about proper evaluator behavior.
- Distractions – Discussed the request for parameters for use of clothes—tabled.

5) MA-TF1 Evaluation

- 43% pass rate
 - Low attendance (3/7 passed), some teams pulled for deployment
- Issue – Reword the definition for Control of Canine?
 - Need to encompass a recall in any situation where the Lead Evaluator deems it necessary.
 - Also discussed testing handler's ability to direct dog across pile
- Issue – Placement of evaluators on piles.
 - Should only be one evaluator following handler (apart from a shadow). The other two should have pre-determined spots on the pile to best view the handler and dog. Discussed putting this in writing.

6) New Evaluators

- Kay Rice, OH-TF1
- Scott Mateyaschuck, NY-TF1
- Tom Haus, CA-TF1 (Lead)
- Shadow – Dorree Donovan, NM-TF1, handler
- Shadow – Nate Bogenschutz, UT-TF1, handler
 - App was lost en route to CSG, but in coordinating with TF, consensus is to allow prior shadow experiences to count towards requirements

7) Evaluator Status Extension Request

- Approved to extend Susann Brown's status through Feb 2009
- Approved to extend Russell Tao's shadow status through Feb 2009

8) CE/CP 2009 Calendar

- Under final construction—hosts are choosing dates
- Nine events, 7 CEs, 2 CPs—based on feedback from Canine Coordinators earlier in the year as to 2009 CE/CP needs

9) 2009 Evaluator Groups

- Under final construction
- Included evaluators not included in groups in 2008, then filled vacancies with those closer to expiration dates

10) Other items under discussion

- Veterinary Check Prior to Deployment
- Developing new Lead Evaluators

11) Next Call

- Nov 17, 2008 1400 EST

CONFERENCE CALL(s)

CSG Call: Nov 17, 2008 1400 EST

Pre-Evaluation Call: MD-TF1, Nov 7, 2008 1400 EST

TX-TF1, Nov 17, 2008, 1400 EST