

AGENDA ITEMS/DISCUSSION

- 1) **Minutes from 29 December 2008 Call #124**
- 2) **TX Training weekend report**
- 3) **Canine Questionnaire status**
- 4) **Volunteer Program assistance**
- 5) **Merial proposal**
- 6) **WG meetings**
- 7) **CDTFL meeting**
- 8) **East Coast TF requests to add third evaluator**
- 9) **Next call**

PROPOSED ACTIONS

- 1) **Minutes from 29 December 2008 Call #124**
 - Approved
- 2) **TX Training weekend report**
 - 48 teams, had to turn some away
 - 38 from out-of state
 - need for more training events
 - NV planning one for 09, in addition to CO
- 3) **Canine Questionnaire status**
 - Debra will have Jen re-format to fit on a printed page and forward to CSG for approval
 - Teresa will distribute to Canine Coordinators, copying Program Managers
 - Completed questionnaires to be ready for March TFL meeting
- 4) **Volunteer Program assistance**
 - TX-TF1 has offered assistance to those TFs interested in developing a volunteer program.
 - The document had been distributed to Canine Coordinators
- 5) **Merial proposal**
 - Merial Corporation has offered, free of charge, to support the health care of FEMA certified canines
 - A telecon is scheduled to discuss with Canine Coordinators and the Merial Rep

6) WG meetings – Feb, 2009, hosted by FL-TF2

- Definition of canine as equipment discussed by Legal, Grants, Search and Canine
 - Guidelines for purchase and disposition forthcoming from PO
 - Ethical issues discussed and guidelines forthcoming from PO
- Screening process and annual vet exam recs
 - Coming out for 21-day review
- Cache
 - Canine Travel Vests now 12 (not 4)
 - Different vendor for airline approved crate
 - Logs WG will support k9 transport recommendation for alternatives for ground transport
- Budget
 - Still not finalized
 - 8 k9 events on calendar
 - 35K per event requested
 - request by CA1 to be put back to Dec 09 on calendar
- WMD scenario
 - Need opinion and white paper from Vet Group, in conjunction with Med, Search and Canine
 - Need to take a position as to whether canines should deploy to a radiological event
 - Based on a specific scenario provided by DHS
 - In process of data collection and discussion

7) CDTFL meeting

- Focus on Budget and OREs
- Concern about over-abundance of evaluators
 - Tests being cut to 8 will have an effect in 2010
 - Have 87/Need 56 for 2009
- John Dean got central nomination for CSG
- Discussion to support restricted resource-sharing

8) East Coast TF requests to add third evaluator

- Also propose that the number of evaluators be equal per TF
- Under discussion, but consensus not to change current procedure at this point in time

9) Next call, #126

- 12Feb09

CONFERENCE CALL(s)

Canine Coordinator Call: February 12, 1400 EST

CSG Call: February 12, 2009 1500 EST

AZ-TF1 CE pre-evaluation call: February 12, 2009 1530 EST

CSG Meeting: 21-23 April 2009, Fairfax, VA