



## **AGENDA ITEMS/DISCUSSION**

- 1) **Minutes**
- 2) **Budget**
- 3) **VA-TF2 October CE**
- 4) **Recommendations**
- 5) **Next Call**

## **PROPOSED ACTIONS**

- 1) **Minutes from July telecon previously approved via email and distributed**
- 2) **Budget options for discussion**

CSG was requested to review the canine testing process as to efficiency and look for cost-saving measures:

- Evaluators
  - Reduce from 3 to 2 evaluators on one or both piles
    - Consensus was not to recommend this action.
    - 3 evaluators are needed on each pile for both safety (handler and canine) as well as to properly evaluate the team.
  - Utilize evaluators by Region
    - Consensus was not to recommend this action
    - Cost-savings not significant enough to risk loss of consistency in national testing
- Three day test
  - Reduce number of tests, but increase time-frame to 3 days
    - Consensus was not to recommend this action.
    - CSG supports keeping the 2-day format.

### **3) VA-TF2 October CE application acceptance process**

CSG is conferring with Program Office as to prioritizing the applications, as there are more than the test can support. CSG suggests the following order to accommodate the system as a whole:

- Task Force need for certified teams
- Recert due dates
- Offer leftover slots to all TFs equitably
  - 10 TFs had no apps or did not respond

**4) Recommendations status**

- FSA evaluators (revised to require one rostered evaluator and Canine Coordinator or designee)
  - Rec passed by SWG, forwarded to Ops and is in the pipeline for approval
- Dogs in season prohibited from testing
  - No means to enforce it
  - All agree to table
- Raising pile size to 10K minimum
  - All agree to table for now due to initial push-back in light of budget climate
- 10+ year old dogs testing require a vet health report
  - Program Office advised this is a TF issue and not one for the CSG to monitor
  - No need for a rec, All are in agreement to remove from the Policy doc

**5) Next Call**

- 3 September @1400 EDT (later amended to Sept 18)

**CONFERENCE CALL(s)**

**CSG Call:** 18 September @1400 EDT