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MEMORANDUM

FOR: Chair, Search Work Group

DATE: 28Sept09

FROM: Chair, Canine Sub-Group

SUBJECT: Minutes of Canine Coordinator Telecon

Please find the attendance and items addressed at the recent Canine Coordinator conference call:

DATE: Sept 28, 2009	Call #8
Sub-Group Member	Attendance
Teresa MacPherson, Chair	Y
John Dean	Y
Susann Brown	Y
Mike Marks	N
Debra Tosch	Y
Darren Bobrosky	N

COORDINATOR ATTENDANCE

TF	Canine Coordinator
AZ-TF1	John Dean
CA-TF1	Debra Tosch (in for Deresa Teller)
CA-TF2	Bill Monahan
CA-TF3	Chantal Rose
CA-TF4	Darren Bobrosky (absent)
CA-TF5	Marc Valentine
CA-TF6	Sheila McKee
CA-TF7	David Stoddard (absent)
CA-TF8	Steve Swaney
CO-TF1	Rox Dunn
FL-TF1	Mike Marks (absent)
FL-TF2	Craig Radelman
IN-TF1	Anne McCurdy
MA-TF1	Lee Prentiss
MD-TF1	John Gilkey
MO-TF1	Cathy Schiltz
NE-TF1	Steve Dolezal
NM-TF1	Doree Donovan (in for Lette Birn) attempted
NV-TF1	Bryan Morgan
NY-TF1	Scott Mateyaschuk (absent)
OH-TF1	Melissa Newman

COORDINATOR ATTENDANCE

TF	Canine Coordinator
PA-TF1	Jeff Snyder (absent)
TN-TF1	Deborah Burnett (attempted)
TX-TF1	Susann Brown
UT-TF1	Jon Cain (attempted)
VA-TF1	Buck Best
VA-TF2	Jim Ingledue (absent)
WA-TF2	Cyndie Fajardo

AGENDA ITEMS/DISCUSSION

- 1) Roll Call**
- 2) Application Prioritization for CEs/CPs**
- 3) Surveys**
- 4) Status of upcoming events**
- 5) 2010 CEs/CPs**
- 6) Status of Recommendations**
- 7) 2010 TF K9 needs**
- 8) 2010 TF test sites**
- 9) 2010 Questionnaire**
- 10) New contact info for K9 Travel Vest**
- 11) Other**

PROPOSED ACTIONS

1) Roll Call

- Most TFs represented, several attempted to get on the call, but were unable to

2) Application Prioritization for CEs/CPs

- System needs
 - TF need (and does the applicant team add an additional resource)
 - Recert due dates
 - Equitable distribution (extra spots would go to requesting team which has fewest spots for that CE/CP)
- Received vs Accepted
 - Separate email acknowledgments for both will be sent
 - Follow up faxed apps with email notification
 - Spots cannot be saved
 - Submit all apps for consideration, but please prioritize
 - All completed apps as of the due date will be considered for acceptance based on the priority guidelines above. Completed apps must include all signatures, FSA dates, etc. A stand-by list for all other applicants will be created.
 - Accepted applicants will be notified within 2 business days after the due date

3) Surveys for participation

- Please respond, even if number of applicants is zero
- Don't incorporate retests in numbers (we calculate 30% into the final total)

4) Status of upcoming events

- VA2 CE – 28 (full, stand-bys only)
- MO CP – 11 apps accepted, 1 spot open
- CA1 CE – 32 requests, overfull by 8 – due date Oct 23
- FL2 CE – 18 requests, 6 openings – due date Oct 23

5) 2010 CEs/CPs

- 120-124 teams/yr total are tested
- 2009 YTD – 76 tested/48 openings/50 requests
- Six tests divided by 125 = 21 per test
- Five tests (1 CP) divided by 125 = 25 per test
- Adequate number to meet our needs, but less options for applicants

6) Status of Recommendations

- **K9 Screening**
 - Passed Ops Group as guidelines and posted on DisasterDog.org
 - After comments, changes are
 - From 2 rostered Evaluators to two assessors as designated by Canine Coordinator
 - Added urinalysis to medical screening (inadvertently omitted)
- **K9 Transport on deployment – request from Ops Group to add parameters**
 - One ton or less
 - Space to accommodate 4 canine kennels (One vehicle to house 4 canines or two vehicles to house 2 canines each)
 - Climate Control

- **Pre-post mission vet check**
 - In process, not yet submitted
 - Likely to be posted as guidelines
 - If your TF has criteria, please forward (have VA-TF2's)
- **10,000 sq ft minimum for rubble search sites**
 - Not yet submitted to Ops Group, but presented to TFLs
 - Tabled for a better budget climate – TFLs have cost concerns
 - Most CEs use this square footage
 - A couple have used less, but those piles are very technical
 - Pass Rate does not seem to be determined by pile size
- **FSA Evaluators** (option to replace one rostered evaluator with Canine Coordinator or designee)
 - Passed Ops Group and is out for 21-day review
 - Following parameters were added for Canine Coordinator “designee”
 - Rostered TF member
 - 3 yrs experience as CSS or STM
 - Completed CSST

7) 2010 TF K9 needs – survey to be distributed to Canine Coordinators

- CE's
- CPs
- CSST-handlers
- CSST-STMs

8) TF test sites

- Dedicated site or permanent access to one for 2010
 - 17 TFs said YES (NE checking): AZ-TF1, CA-TF2, CO-TF1, FL-TF1, FL-TF2, IN-TF1, MD-TF1, MA-TF1, MO-TF1, NV-TF1, NY-TF1, OH-TF1, TN-TF1, TX-TF1, UT-TF1, VA-TF2, WA-TF1

9) 2010 Questionnaire

- Forward any info to include on the survey when distributed

10) New contact info for K9 Travel Vest

- K9vests@bellaliant.net (same vendor)

11) Other

- **Upcoming FSA Opportunities**
 - 11 October CO-TF1
 - 17 October OH-TF1
 - 18 October FL-TF2
 - 14 November NE-TF1 (in Missouri)
 - 21 November MD-TF1
 - California – contact Steve Swaney (CA-TF8) for an FSA as he may be able to assist with setting one up.