

Federal Emergency Management Agency

Washington, D.C. 20472

MEMORANDUM

FOR: US&R **DATE:** 8-4-03

Search Work Group Chair

FROM: Canine Subcommittee

Bruce Speer--Subcommittee Chair

SUBJECT: Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

Please find the attendance and agenda items addressed at the recent Canine Subcommittee Conference Call.

MEETING DATE(s) >>	8-1-03 call #63		
MEMBERSHIP / ATTENDANCE			
Bruce Speer		[chair]	
Member	Y/N	Member	Y/N
	Y		
Chris Selfridge	Y		
Teresa MacPherson	Y		
Anne Trout	Y		
Bruce Berry (SWG)	N		
Rory Rehbeck (SWG)	N		
Dean Scott (FEMA)	N		

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AGENDA ITEMS/DISCUSSION

- Minutes
 - Call dated 6-27
 - Face-to-face meeting 7/11-13
 - Special Call dated 7-24
- TN & WA evaluations
- New Evaluators
- Evaluator Conference Calls
- Lead Evaluator

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PROPOSED ACTIONS

- Minutes from calls dated 6-27 and 7-24 were accepted and posted. Minutes from face-to-face meeting 7/11-13 were accepted and posted.
- The WA test implemented the new "agility" policy which resulted from the pilot test in TN. The results were positive. Future tests should abide by this policy which includes a thorough briefing for the testing handlers. The briefing should explain the policy which allows for evaluator intervention should the handler exhibit lack of appropriate care as to the safety and welfare of his canine.
- New Type II Evaluator approved—Cindy Fajado (STM) WATF1
- Evaluator conference calls are tentatively scheduled for this Sept 10, 11 and 12 at 2100, 1700 and 0900 EDT, respectively. Parameters will be developed for the participants and Bruce Berry will moderate. All evaluators will be notified and expected to attend one of the calls. Committee members will attend all three calls.
- To apply for approval as a Lead evaluator, the candidate must be a current Type I evaluator (handler), and must have met all prerequisites—effective 7-1-03.
- Next Call—9-5-03