



Federal Emergency Management Agency

Washington, D.C. 20472

MEMORANDUM

FOR: Search Working Group
Chair

DATE: 3-15-03

FROM: Canine Working Group

SUBJECT: Canine Working Group Meeting Minutes

Please find the attendance and agenda items addressed at the recent Canine Work Group conference call:

MEETING DATE(s) >>		3-14-03	Call Number 57	
MEMBERSHIP / ATTENDANCE				
Bruce Speer [chair]				
Member	Y/N	Member	Y/N	
Ann Wichmann	Y			
Anne Trout	Y			
Teresa MacPherson	Y			
Chris Selfridge	Y			
Shirley Hammond	Y			
Bruce Berry (SWG)	N			
Hugh Bouchelle (FEMA)	N			

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AGENDA ITEMS/DISCUSSION

- Minutes
- Evaluator Cadre
- How to Aid Task Forces
- Face-to-Face Meeting
- Aggressive Canine

PROPOSED ACTIONS

■ **Minutes**

- The minutes from conference call dated 2-28-03 were accepted and will be posted.

■ **Evaluator Cadre**

- It has come to our attention that it may be necessary for all Evaluators to be attached to a Task Force, primarily for liability reasons. We will address the issue and provide FEMA the reasons we would like some flexibility to retain proven quality Evaluators who are still active in the system.
- All evaluators should have completed an update of their evaluation history and submitted it to Lynne Englebert. If they did not, it will be assumed that they are excusing themselves voluntarily from the roster. An evaluator who has not met the requirement of one evaluation within two years shall have a grace period until the end of 2003 to *shadow evaluate* to retain his status.

■ **How to Aid Task Forces**

- We contacted the Task Forces most in need of certified dog teams asking how FEMA could help them build their canine component. This will be taken into consideration when discussing the Canine Budget.
 - We are considering a conference call(s) between the K9 reps from all of the Task Forces.

■ **Face to Face Meeting**

- Agenda to focus on the Budget, HRD dogs, and Training.

■ **Aggressive Canine**

- The CWG has reviewed the response and action taken by the handler and considers the issue resolved.

Other: Projected date for implementation of new DSCREP is 7-1-03.

NEXT CALL

- April 1, 2003 0900EST

