



Federal Emergency Management Agency

Washington, D.C. 20472

MEMORANDUM

FOR: US&R Division Director
Operations Work Group Chair

DATE: 5-8-03

FROM: Canine Work Group
Bruce Speer--Work Group Chair

SUBJECT: Work Group Meeting Minutes

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

MEETING DATE(s) >>		4-30-03	call #59
MEMBERSHIP / ATTENDANCE			
Bruce Speer [chair]			
Member	Y/N	Member	Y/N
Anne Trout	Y		
Shirley Hammond	Y		
Chris Selfridge	Y		
Teresa MacPherson	Y		
* Dean Scott (FEMA/DHS)	Y	*Program Staff	

AGENDA ITEMS/DISCUSSION

- Evaluators
 - New Evaluators
 - New Shadow Evaluators

- New Jersey Test
 - Certifications

- Certification extension request
 - Extension of a Type I certification for 6 months due to surgery for K9

- CSST Courses
 - Status?

- Retirement from Type I Status
 - Automatic reversal to Type II?

PROPOSED ACTIONS

- New Evaluators
 - Approved Type II: John Gilkey (Handler--PATF1), Sam Balsam (Handler--MDTF1)
 - Approved to Shadow Type I: Mike Marks (STM--FLTF1), Elizabeth Kreidler (Handler--VATF1), Lee Turner (STM--MOTF1), Teresa MacPherson (Handler--VATF1)

- New Jersey Test Results
 - One Type II (recert)
 - Three Type I (2 recerts)

- Certification Extension Request
 - A team failed their Type I recert 1 year ago and has thus been a Type II for a year. They are unable to re-test Type I at this point due to K9 requiring TPLO surgery, which necessitates an extended rehab period. While the CWG acknowledges that due to conditions beyond their control the team cannot recert Type I within the required timeframe, the request for a waiver to extend type I certification is denied.

- CSST Course
 - Though it is the recommendation of the CWG to revamp the CSST course, a Task Force may fund and host a CSST course until the new program is completed.

- Retirement from Type I Status
 - A Type I team must take a Type I or Type II test to remain certified. They cannot choose to automatically revert to Type II status.

NEXT CALL

- **May 23, 2003**

