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MEMORANDUM

DATE: 10 March 2005

FOR: Rory Rehbeck, Chair
Search Work Group

FROM: Canine Subcommittee

SUBJECT: Canine Subcommittee Conference Call Minutes

Please find the attendance and agenda items addressed on the recent Conference Call of the Canine Subcommittee:

MEETING DATE(s) >>		3-10-05	Call # 86	
MEMBERSHIP / ATTENDANCE				
Teresa MacPherson		Chair		
Member		Y/N	Guest	Y/N
Mike Marks		Y		
Cathy Schiltz		Y		
John Dean		Y		
Fred Pitts		Y		
Debra Tosch		Y		
Rex Ianson (SWG)		N		
Bruce Berry (SWG)		N		
John Gilkey	absent	Y		

AGENDA ITEMS/DISCUSSION

- Conference Call Minutes
- Applications to begin Shadow evaluator process:
 - Acceptance of Shadow applications
 - Notification
- New Evaluators:
 - Garrett Dyer (VA-TF1) (STM)
 - Lee Dunn (CO-TF1) (handler)
- Approve Chief Evaluator Apps
 - Fred Pitts
 - Debra Tosch
 - Steve Swaney
 - Ann Wichmann
 - Anne McCurdy
 - Lynne Engelbert
 - Randy Gross
- Database—JG
- PFD's—JD
- TFL meeting—Teresa/Rory/Dean
- VA2 test review—Fred
- Evaluator conf calls—pick dates.
- Recent questions for discussion:
 - D & C—if dog returns to handler, crossing the start line and/or touches handler, does the team have to start over from the beginning?
 - Limited access pile—Can handler go back to alert spot to draw map, or must he/she stay down in the “box” after search time is up?
- Revision of the evaluation application to state that applicant is responsible for ensuring his/her acceptance into evaluation.

PROPOSED ACTIONS

- Conference Call Minutes
 - Approved
- Applications to begin Shadow evaluator process:
 - Bud Souza (CA-TF4) (handler)
 - Accepted
 - Tommy Kelly (TN-TF1) (handler)
 - Accepted
 - Bob Deeds (TX-TF1) (handler)
 - Accepted
 - Lisa Berry (VA-TF2) (handler)
 - Accepted
 - Linda Neimeier (VA-TF2) (handler)
 - Accepted
 - Tom Haus— the CA-TF4 test in March will complete his shadow process.
 - Notification--Send to handler, and whoever signed the app. Copy Subcommittee.)
 - Use standard format for all Reps to send out & cc the Subcommittee.
 - As soon as a Rep receives an application they should acknowledge receipt by contacting applicant.
- New Evaluators:
 - Garrett Dyer (VA-TF1) (STM)
 - Approved
 - Lee Dunn (CO-TF1) (handler)
 - Approved
- Approve Chief Evaluator Apps
 - We will wait to review until more than one has been collected.
 - Fred Pitts
 - Waiting for signatures
 - Debra Tosch
 - Waiting for signatures
 - Steve Swaney
 - Waiting for signatures
 - Ann Wichmann
 - Waiting for signatures
 - Anne McCurdy (have completed app)
 - Waiting for signatures
 - Randy Gross
 - Waiting for signatures
- Database—JG
 - Still collecting ideas

- PFD's—JD
 - Program Office requests that we research an appropriate PFD which falls within a specific dollar range.
- TFL meeting—Teresa
 - Review of the TFL meeting which encompassed what was presented at the Ops meeting. See prior minutes.
- VA-TF2 test review—Fred
 - Review of test—discussion of the management of a situation in which 2 handlers arrived, but did not have spots in the test as they thought they did.
- Evaluator conf calls—pick dates.
 - To be selected at the next conference call
- Recent questions for discussion:
 - D & C—if dog returns to handler, crossing the start line and/or touches handler, does the team have to start over from the beginning?
 - Yes, we all agree that this is the case.
 - Limited access pile — can handler go back to alert spot to draw map, or must he/she stay down in the “box” after search time is up?
 - The criteria for the access are the same as the search portion.
 - We need to convey to the handler that if they leave the rubble at the end of the test then they may not re-access the rubble to map. At the time the whistle blows they can stay where they are or go back to the starting box.
 - Safety issues
 - Victims in the rubble in extreme temps
 - Tests that run into the dark
- We have revised the evaluation application format to state that the applicant is responsible for ensuring he/she is accepted into the test.

- Certificates are all caught up. They are now emailed to the task force as a pdf.

NEXT CONFERENCE CALL

April 28, 2005, NOON EST.