

MEMORANDUM

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

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DATE: 15 October 2010

FOR: Jim Ingledue, Chair
Search Working Group

FROM: Canine Sub-Group

SUBJECT: Canine Sub-Group Telecon Minutes

Please find the attendance and agenda items addressed on the Canine Sub-Group 15 October 2010 conference call:

DATE		15 October 2010	Call # 135
MEMBERSHIP / ATTENDANCE			
Member	Y/N	Guest	Y/N
Teresa MacPherson, Chair	Y		
Darren Bobrosky	N	Jim Ingledue (SWG)	Y
Susann Brown	Y	Rick Klein, Logs Chair	Y
John Dean	Y		
Mike Marks	Y		
Debra Tosch	Y		

AGENDA ITEMS/DISCUSSION

Minutes from August call

Recommendation 09-01 K9 Transport

Recommendation 10-02 Pre-mission Vet exam

Expiring Evaluators

WA-TF1 CE

New Mentor

New Shadow Evaluator

Proposed Additions to cache

Old Business

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PROPOSED ACTIONS

Minutes from August call

- Previously approved by email, distributed and posted

Recommendation 09-01 K9 Transport

- Addressed comments – specs and costs and documentary impacts
- Log Chair advised that a pick-up would be easier to sell to the system
- Van - discussed safety issues and comfort (room for 4 dogs, handlers and gear)
- Pick-up – discussed safety issues and climate control
- Trailers – same
- This rec will likely be tabled at the Ops Meeting next week while we continue to work with Logs and gather information to make the best choice for an optional k9 vehicle

Recommendation 10-02 Pre-mission Vet exam

- Addressed comments – concerns were the logistics of getting a vet to the POD
- Many TFs have arrangements with a vet to meet at the POD to ensure the health of the deployed canines and to issue the required health certificate for travel. It is a quick hands-on exam comparable to our medical check-in process.
- The CSG recommends that all TFs adopt this process.

Expiring Evaluators

- Consensus to arrange a make-up call for the two evaluators who missed the Sept telecon.

WA-TF1 CE

- 55.5 % Pass Rate
- High percentage of new teams testing
- Poor weather conditions (rain)
- Four injuries on the slash pile
- No private briefing area for the Orientations, no A/V equipment (hand-outs of the PPT)
- False alerts – none were on placed distractions per Evaluators
- Good admin support

New Mentor

- Julie Padelford, FL-TF2 approved

New Shadow Evaluator

- Lee Culley, UT-TF1 replaces a current evaluator
 - Previously approved by email so that she could begin the process at the WA CE

Proposed Additions to cache

- Safety Vest – tabled for further discussion
- Kennels for vans – tabled for further discussion

Old Business

- Haiti Video – Debra is distributing upon receipt of TF surveys
- TF Survey – reminder that they are due to Debra by the end of Oct! (attached)

Next call

- TBD