

# ORS TAC MINUTES

Department of Public Safety  
1970 W. Broad St.  
Columbus, OH 43223



Date: February 7, 2007

File Number:

TAC: Canine

Approved:

From: Cathy Collins-Taylor

## I. Attendees:

Charlie Stiegelmeier, Jeff Stanley, Lloyd Early, Michael Uhase, Sandy Lesko, Steve Dunham, Tina Wymire, Todd Beery and Athena Robbins.

**Summary:** Introductions were made among those in attendance. The committee briefed the mission statement of the Canine Response Technical Advisory Committee and agreed that everyone approved it at the last meeting.

Lloyd Early shared with everyone the global certification and the database that tracks peace officers. All certified units were broken down, sorted by county, and Microsoft data base access offered with customized queries. Everyone agreed that we were going to accept specific certifications from the dogs in each category (accelerant, cadaver, patrol and search & rescue).

Sandy Lesko distributed copies of the National Response System for Search & Rescue, Wilderness, Disaster & Water which mapped out credentialing. The group discussed handlers and mentioned the need to review NIMS criteria to get a good idea for recommended requirements and qualifications. She also explained the discipline criteria for explosive and cadaver canines.

Bomb dog and accelerant handlers' certification processes through OPOTA and NAPWDA were compared. Athena Robbins brought up the search & rescue standards that have been adopted in other states. How many are civilian searches and how many are law enforcement/rescue teams? Todd Beery added that specific guidelines for the various groups should be required. Bomb dogs we're going to accept is OPOTA, USPCA, ATF and the Columbus Fire Dept. certifications. Lloyd Early suggested that Public Safety, Homeland Security send a letter to the local county fire, EMA and law enforcement about civilian search and rescue teams in each county.

II. **Action Items** to be discussed at the next meeting: Draft a letter that identifies certified people from all the training agencies for canines. Charlie Stiegelmeier mentioned a need to know where to keep the accelerant dogs.

III. **Next Meeting:** is scheduled for Monday, February 26, 2007 from 10am-12pm in Training Room T3 – 5, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Dept. of Public Safety, 1970 W. Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43223

# ORS TAC AGENDA

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From: Bill Vedra

Date of Meeting: July 31, 2007

Location: ODDS - 3<sup>rd</sup> Fl., Rooms 11 & 12

- I. Welcome -
- II. Introductions/ Contact List
- III. Canine Resources Data Base Update
- IV. First Responder ID Cards - Tina Waymire ~~Shirley Cox~~ Sheriff Cox  
Miami Co.  
will do ID cards.
- V. Open Discussion
- VI. Action Items for Next Meeting
- VII. Set Next Meeting Date and Time 9/17 10:00 Location TBD
- VIII. Adjournment

Justine Cain - Certifications - OPA/A

Debra Furka - OPA/A

Asst. Exec. Dir. - Certifications