

ORS TAC MINUTES

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Date: 8/30/10
TAC: K-9
From: Pam Gibson

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Attendees: See attached sign in sheet.

I. **Summary:**

All agenda's will go through the Chair for approval, additions or deletions.

Deana Hudgins was appointed and accepted the position of Co-chair. Congrats to Deana!

The revised application was approved by the TAC members that were in attendance to include the application directions once a few minor updates are made. There will be a link within the Miami County Sheriff's office website to the Ohio EMA website that will include the application, procedures, required certifications and training. Ohio EMA's IT person will work with Miami County Sheriff's office's IT person.

Tina Waymire described the reason for the delayed distribution of ID cards. Her office is switching over from one system to another. The suggestion was made to begin sending a confirmation email to those that have submitted the required documentation to be added to the K-9 Resource Database and Tina agreed to handle that process. Tina will also be providing a hardcopy of the K-9 Resource Database to the Chair and other K-9 TAC members. Tina will continue to handle background checks when processing the K-9 applicants.

Jim Dwertman sent an all Director email out (8/31) providing the 88 county Directors the contact information in requesting K-9 Resources along with the types of K-9 Resources they have available, how to request them for deployment and a checklist of suggested actions to consider before their arrival.

There was much discussion concerning training. The concern is that the south; SE in particular do not have the same training opportunities that other parts of the state. To assist with that concern training/seminars will be posted to the SAR sites as well as the Federation site. It was also mentioned and agreed upon that the training needs need to be acquired and then plan those courses accordingly.

There was much discussion on the subject of K-9 Resources being Team Typed to FEMA standards. ATF spoke about their verification/certification currently not being required, but there is discussion as to that being changed. All other groups have that same situation being recommended, but not required. It was described how the K-9 resources are not regulated as is Hazmat Teams are. It was decided that the Team Typing would be done in essence behind the scenes given that the dispatchers would not need that information nor the dog handlers and it would presumably be more confusing than helpful. The typing is important for the TAC members in assisting with funding from FEMA.

The suggestion was made to provide a checklist for Incident Commanders (IC)s as to what a team's equipment should be based on the emergency or disaster they are being deployed to. This information will also be added to the Buckeye State Sheriff's Association (BSSA) newsletter

Janelle's announcement was that the Ohio SAR Conference will be held in Maumee Bay Conference Center on March 5 & 6, 2011.

II. **Action Items:**

Review of applications

Typing of applications

I'm keeping this as a place holder so we do not forget.

The group decided to create a FAQ section to be added to the website

Ideas so far: What is the timeframe of processing?
 What are the processing steps?
 What are the qualifying agencies?

The FAQ will be added to as questions come in.

Once all documentation and procedures have been finalized the group would like Mel House, Ohio EMA, to send out a letter explaining the process, website and etc.

III. **Next Meeting:** is scheduled for October 25, 2010, at the Ohio EMA building in room #124.

Respectfully,

Submitted by: Pam Gibson

Attachments: Sign in sheet from 8/30/10 meeting