

ORS TAC MINUTES

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

Date: June 6, 2011

File Number:

TAC: K-9

Approved:

From: Pam Gibson



- I. **Attendees:** See attached sign in sheet.
- II. **Summary:** Deana contacted the Miami County Dispatch Center in regards to database protocols. They will call Deana and Sandy then they will call the Incident Commander (IC) to gather more specific details as to their needs. Then Deana and/or Sandy will make the necessary deployment call(s).

As of July 25, 2011, the K-9 requests will be handled by the Ohio Division of Natural Resources (ODNR) Dispatch Center, located in the same building as Ohio EMA in Columbus. The new emergency number will be forthcoming. It is planned to be set up to text Sandy and Deana with the request. They will then call back to Dispatch to confirm receipt of the message and then go forward with making the necessary contacts. The K-9 application was updated by Deana and it is more user friendly. The application will be updated as will the directions for the change happening on July 25th.

Ken Folsom suggested software that may assist us in our volunteer database needs. He had the opportunity to see Ohio Department of Health's (ODH) Registry-Ohio Registers. He felt that it has great potential and could possibly fit our database needs. Jim Dwertman advised of the limitation of this software. ODH is in the process of going to an upgraded version in the near future and the hope is that those new features will create a better environment for tracking K-9 resources and volunteers. ODH uses it for the management of their volunteers. It is user friendly and Ken felt it had some really good options. More information will be forthcoming.

The website is progressing well. So please check it out for upcoming events and a variety of certification opportunities.

Application(s) approved: Virginia Wolf and her K-9, Jetta, for cadaver land, water and disaster.

Lastly, the suggestion was made of having a "package" that would assist the volunteers in being properly trained based on the requirements and enabling more to apply and be available for deployments. In essence it would be a "roadmap" of all necessary items that need to take place if you want to be a K-9 Handler. The suggested title would be, "*So You Want to Be a K-9 Handler*". This too, would be/could be added to the website. A 6 month shadowing time frame was suggested as well.

- III. **Action Items:** will be discussed at the next meeting:
Deana will contact Miami County Dispatch to make them aware of this change and that they may continue receive K-9 resource request for some time after July 25th.

Deana and Sandy will be providing this new procedure to all County Directors at the Fall Directors' Conference, Fire and Law Enforcement Associations/POCs.

- IV. **Next Meeting:** is scheduled for **July 25, 2011**, 10am-noon at the Ohio EMA building in Columbus, Ohio in **room #124**.

Respectfully, Submitted by: Pam Gibson

Attachments: Sign in sheet