

# ORS TAC MINUTES

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**TAC:** K-9

**Approved:**

**From:** Pam Gibson



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I. **Attendees:** My scanning capability needs re-instated so no attached sign in sheet for now.

II. **Summary:**

The K-9 TAC application has changed location within the Ohio EMA website. The path is now from the Ohio EMA home page... select Ohio EMA Branches then Readiness & Response then within the quick links section choose K-9 Application....Or.....the easiest method is to Google Ohio EMA K-9 TAC.

It was discussed the need for the TAC to get back to the original intent of what this TAC was created for and that was to create a database (db) that had all K-9 disciplines within so any agency could call the db number and request a specific type of K-9. Over the past year the K-9 TAC has swayed toward more Search and Rescue and the volunteer aspect. We, as the K-9 TAC, need to decide what we are going to concentrate on (Search & Rescue) or find a way to get back to all K-9 disciplines. We cannot, as a TAC, keep advertising all K-9s can be requested from the K-9 number when in fact they cannot.

The suggestion was made to have the Ohio Peace Officers Training Academy's (OPATA's) db linked within the Ohio EMA website. Justin stated it was doable, but needed to know which format we would need. That is to be determined. It was assumed that the OPATA db was tied into the Law Enforcement Response Plan (LERP) db, but Justin stated to the best of his knowledge it was not. It was questioned as to how often the LERP was updated.

When the OPATA db is linked with the OEMA website Jim would need to get with the IT folks to ensure it can be firewall protected in which only Law Enforcement (LE), Fire Departments and County EMA personnel would have viewing rights, not every one that accesses the K-9 website.

Deana spoke with Jack of the Miami County Communications Center (MCCC) to inform him of the ODNR dispatch taking over the role of being the point of contact for K-9 requests. She let him know that the new number for K-9 requests is 1-877-7287. See K-9 request procedures attached. From these directions a "skinny" version is being reviewed by Jim and Mel. Once reviewed, Jim will send them out to all Ohio County Directors. These procedures will also be added to the website.

Deana provided Jim a CD that included items from the various K-9 certification agencies to be added to the website.

Rebecca Gray's application was approved for her K-9 named, Cody.

They were approved for Cadaver-Land, Area Search and Disaster Live.

III. **Action Items:** will be discussed at the next meeting:

Deana and Ken will work together on compiling a justification for grant funding.

K-9 request procedures will be emailed to all County Directors after it is approved by Jim and Mel.

Jim will be checking into the firewall capability for the website with the IT department.

Justin will be providing the OPATA K-9 db information to be added to the website.

Review of any application submissions.

IV. **Next Meeting:** is scheduled for September 19, 2011, 10 am-noon at the Ohio EMA building in Columbus, Ohio, in room #124.

Respectfully, Submitted by: Pam Gibson

Attachments: Sign in sheet