ORS TAC MINUTES

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TAC: Canine
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I. **Attendees:** Cathy Collins-Taylor, Nick Dicicco, Steve Dunham, Lloyd Early, Raphael Martinez, Sandy Lesko, Joni Polumbo, Charlie Stiegelmeyer and Bill Truax.

Summary: The meeting was opened by Cathy Collins-Taylor with introductions of those in attendance.

Vern Chenevey addressed the group by explaining how the Law Enforcement Response Plan (LERP) is activated and that 680 out of 920 agencies have been entered into the data base thus far. He went into detail about how the plan comes in to play when an emergency or incident happens. Resources are put in to the data base and it searches for the number of officers, horses, canines, etc. needed. Dispatchers refer to the data base and disperse the necessary resources.

Cathy Collins-Taylor discussed issues with OPOTA and NIMS, making sure everyone was on the same page and knew that volunteers would be encouraged to go through Citizen Corp.

Joni Polumbo from EMA spoke about her questionnaire/data base used for bomb dogs' needs during 9-11. She shared that we need to define the parameters of response with the various levels of expertise.

The Canine Response Technical Advisory Committee's mission statement was sent out with the last minutes. Lloyd Early from OPOTA mentioned the wording "certified" was not necessary because they're not required to be certified and there is no certification language for cadaver canines. A motion was made by Nick DiCicco to accept the Mission Statement. The motion was seconded by Sandy Lesko and all were in favor. Discussion was held as to when the TAC will actually be utilized (explosive, natural disaster, medical, etc.) and the goal to network through the state to gather a contact list. Homeland Security will send out a cover letter & questionnaire to the various data bases collected by this committee.

Lloyd Early shared information about the standards of proficiency with handlers of search & rescue canines, levels of expertise and integrity issues. Raphael Martinez from ATF talked about recent training in Cincinnati for 23 explosive canines.

II. **Action Items** to be discussed at the next meeting:

- Data bases (Lloyd)
- Accelerant dogs (Kurt)
- Certifications to compare for each association

III. **Next Meeting**: is scheduled for Monday, January 22, 2007 from 10am-12pm in Conference Room A (lower level), ODOT, 1980 W. Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43223