

ORS TAC MINUTES

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From: Pam Gibson



- I. **Attendees:** See attached sign in sheets.
- II. **Summary:** Introductions were made; more new members. The issue with insurance coverage or not and the workers comp concerns for the volunteer groups was explained by Mel House. He explained that the question on the application has been added, volunteers should be encouraged to get the necessary coverage, but we cannot mandate them getting the coverage nor can we know for sure if their coverage is active or expired. The current county K-9 resources are coming to Mel. Troy Anderson, Auglaize EMA, has received resource information as well from the SW Ohio counties. Tina Waymire was unable to attend the meeting, but will be sending the updated power point to Sandy Lesko. The group has identified trainers within the group. Mark Bender, Water TAC rep, supplied the group with information concerning other avenues of training that included those involved in the Water TAC, Fire Academy and Bowling Green State University. Deana noted that the Dept. of Indiana Homeland Security offers FREE training and lodging that would greatly benefit the K-9 volunteer groups in attaining the training requirements. Sandy Lesko created a draft of the “Cheat Sheet” and the entire group made updates as we went along. The “Cheat Sheet” will be provided at the Spring Director’s Seminar. Mel House would like to have a copy of the applications that are submitted to the Miami County Sheriff’s Office (MCSO). He would like to keep a file on those. Great news from Janelle, there is currently approximately 40 volunteers going for their certifications. Currently TACs are verifying capabilities and providing information to the fire and LE response systems. In addition to standard LE and fire resources, bomb capabilities are in the LE system and hazmat, collapse and water capabilities are in the fire system. Incident Management Teams and K-9 assets are not listed in either plan. It is currently being worked to add Incident Management Team information to the fire and LE databases and will include providing a connection between the response plans and the K-9 database. David O’Reilly, Ohio Community Service Council (OCSC), stated to the group that he could assist with coordination of volunteers, if necessary.
- III. **Goal**
Getting training opportunities posted in several locations to ensure more people can attain the training requirements to be inputted into the MCSO K-9 Database.
Presenting the K-9 Power point April 1, 2010, at the EMA Directors’ Seminar
More explicit directions on the MCSO webpage concerning the K-9 TAC application, training requirements, scheduled trainings, requesting of K-9 resources and etc.
Identification of trainers and what they are certified to train.
- IV. **Issues**
Mel advised the group to be thinking about how the K-9 TAC can provide input into Ohio-ized search and rescue typing standard, including training, equipment and team strength requirements.
- V. **Action Items:** will be discussed at the next meeting:
Justin Cain will update the K-9 Volunteer Training Requirement forms and ensure the current LE database information is being used vs. the draft information
Background history confirmation by MCSO or not
Identification of trainers within the group to assist getting the training out on weekends and evenings for the volunteers
Janelle will get with her volunteers to see what unmet training needs they have and will bring that information back to the April 12th meeting

K-9 Application, Training Requirements and power point review/finalization
Cheat Sheet to be created and provided at the Director's Seminar, April 1, 2010
Overview of how the K-9 TAC presentation was received, by Sandy, Deana, Janelle and Tina
Create a method of getting copies of applications to Mel House from the MCSO
Providing K-9 training opportunities not only to websites, but also send to
pmgibson@dps.state.oh.us to send to the K-9 TAC members and to County Directors

VI. **Next Meeting:** is scheduled for April 12, 2010, in Room 124, in the Ohio EMA building from 10 am-noon.

Respectfully,
Submitted by:
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Attachments: Sign in sheets (2 pgs)
Water TAC scheduled training
Water TAC regional maps