

NEBRASKA TASK FORCE March 17, 2012

Training Agenda

Next meeting: April 6-7-8 Springfield MO.

Attendance: Steve Dolezal, Mark Schroeder, Damon Wirth, Andrew Pitcher, Robin Habeger, Laura Davison, Rhonda Comegy, Steve McDonald, Todd Reed.

Review of Last Month's meeting? *No questions*

K9 Guide

The K9 Guide is updated and on the website. Handlers would like the forms which are at the end of the guide to also be placed in the forms area on the web site.

Helper Academy

Damon is heading up this effort with a goal of 20-30 trained helpers. He has 15 people ready to send out invites just trying to finalize the date either May 5th or June 6th and it will be posted on face book.

Damon will use the CSST helper part to use for the class. He will want to have at least 4 to 6 dogs and handlers to help.

Others wanted to know if we should and could get tee shirts for them. That question will go to Dan.

New Positions and Chain of Command

No Questions

Required Team Trainings

Funding for required trainings? Steve is still working on it. Wanted to have it for this weekend but had issues.

Next required is May 19th (April is the Springfield trip) Steve will teach a GPS class for the morning and canine training will be the afternoon.

June required training will be ropes and that will take a full day do any canine training will have to be after class or on Friday night or Sunday.

Meetings

The K9 team will meet at the beginning of every required monthly K9 training to discuss changes, issues, or other important business. Everyone is reminded to attend regularly and be on time. No questions

Training Logs

No questions

Funding review

Funding is available to FSA and CE level teams, pre-FSA teams are self-funded.

In addition to required events, each qualified team may be funded one national FEMA event per year with priority given to those working towards their FSA and CE. Teams are welcome to attend more than 1 yearly training at their own expense. The fiscal year or cooperative agreement runs August thru July.

Pre FSA level teams will be funded two FSA's. Costs incurred after that will be the handlers responsibility.

FSA level teams will be funded one CP and one CE or two CE's. Costs incurred after that will be the handlers responsibility.

Group Trips, Springfield for example, are also funded. The goal is to have one group trip each year with the possibility of more if the budget allows for it. No questions

COTF1 Training Weekend

*Andrew is going Damon may not go due possibly taking the CE in INDY.
Not sure who else is going Monica will have to update that status*

Young Children Status?

*Danny is checking into the liability issue of having small children belonging to team members at the pile.
It was Steve's thought that no one under the age of 18 be on the pile but Dan will have the final say*

Reminders from Stacy status?

RTA's and travel policies have been updated and distributed. Be sure to submit RTA's 30 days in advance if traveling by air and 15 days prior if travelling by other means. NETF1 credit cards are used to pay for airline tickets only. Hotel room(s) secured with a NETF1 credit card and all other expenses must be paid for by the traveler and submitted for reimbursement. Danny will work with purchasing on the possibility of using the NETF1 credit cards for all or some of the expenses when traveling.

All expenses for rental cars must be on the renters' reimbursement request. Stacy is checking into the possibility of adding a rental car to each person's RTA. Additional travel options are personal vehicles or task force vehicles but they must be approved and on your RTA prior to traveling.

All task force members are asked to be fiscally responsible, document, and use good judgment.

New MOA's were mailed out last week. They must be signed and returned no later than March 1st.

Make sure all contact information is up to date. Let Stacy know if you have changes. Also check your information on the national roster. Monica will forward the roster.

*Remember to submit an RTA if you plan on attending the group training in Springfield.
Still have not heard from a few if they are going or not going they have until Friday march 23rd to submit and RTA.*

K9 Documents

By March 1st in order to receive funding all handlers must submit an Annual Health Record and Vet Check Cost Estimates. Be sure to include shots, fecal exams, heartworm, frontline and all other expense on the Vet Check Cost Estimate. Most are in?

Safety

Check all holes for safety and stability before hiding people.

Communications

We will continue to use Facebook for informal and email for formal forms of communication.

Action Items: Status?

*Verify if an age limit for team members children
Add canine guide forms to the form area of the website
Monica needs to update who is going and how many are going to CO.
Any person who is going to Springfield needs to have the RTA in by Friday!
Damon going to set a date for the helper academy after taking with Dan
Steve is going to check on funding for required trainings*