

**Drug Dog Advisory Council Meeting**

Thursday July 11, 2013

9:00 a.m.

Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics

419 N.E. 38<sup>th</sup> Terrace

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105

**Regular Meeting**

Note: The Drug Dog Advisory Council may discuss, vote to approve, vote to deny, vote to table, or decide not to vote on any item on this Agenda.

**AGENDA**

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

Information: Meeting will be called to order. Roll will be taken to establish a quorum.

Action Taken: \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Approval of Minutes**

Information: A draft copy of the minutes from April 11, 2013 meeting is contained in the agenda packet. Members will vote to approve or amend minutes.

Action Taken: \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Oklahoma Drug Dog Standards and Guidelines**

Information: Chief of Operations Chris Sutterfield will discuss the recommended changes by the Drug Dog Council.

Action Taken: \_\_\_\_\_

**4. Agent Barry Black, Federal Bureau of Investigations, Oklahoma City**

Information: Agent Black has a presentation of available training for Canine Teams, from the F.B.I.

Action Taken: \_\_\_\_\_

**5. New Business**

Information: Members may discuss any items of business that were not known about at the time the agenda was posted.

Action Taken: \_\_\_\_\_

**6. Adjournment**

Action Taken:

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# ***Drug Dog Advisory Council Meeting***

K.O. Rayburn Training Center

2401 Egypt Road

Ada, Oklahoma 74820

## ***Regular Meeting***

A regular meeting of the Drug Dog Advisory Council was held April 11, 2013 at 10 a.m. at the K.O. Rayburn Training Center, 2401 Egypt Road, Ada, Oklahoma 74820. In compliance with the Open Meeting Act of the State of Oklahoma, an agenda with date, time and place was posted twenty-four hours prior to the meeting date at the north entrance of the Training Center.

## ***Minutes***

### ***1. Call to Order***

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman David Rivers. Roll was taken and a quorum was present.

David Rivers – present

Cindy Cunningham – present

Lance Schroyer – present

Doyle Tosh - present

Cody Palmer – present

Guests :

Justin Adams- Vigilant Canine Services International

CLEET Staff present:

Chris Sutterfield, Chief of Operations

Lisa Nessel, Recording Secretary

## 2. Approval of Minutes

Action Taken: The minutes of October 11, 2012 meeting were reviewed by the Board Members. Ms. Cunningham made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Mr. Tosh seconded the motion. Chairman Rivers voted yes; Ms. Cunningham voted yes; Mr. Tosh voted yes; Mr. Palmer voted yes; Mr. Schroyer voted yes; motion carried.

## 3. Limits to the Number of Times A Canine Team Can Fail an Evaluation.

Member's had a lengthy discussion about adding a standard that will limit the number of times a canine team can fail an evaluation. The discussion consisted of members evaluating the situations surrounding training and handling of canine teams. Chairman Rivers asked about the number of times the Canine Advisory Council would recommend setting the limit to. It was decided to set the limit of failures at three, at which point it was decided that handler and canine would no longer be allowed to test as a team after the third attempt. Mr. Palmer, and Mr. Schroyer recommended that the departments be notified when a team fails multiple times. C.L.E.E.T.'s Chief Of Operations Chris Sutterfield stated that it would have to be put in the guidelines.

Action Taken: Ms. Cunningham made a motion to add a limit of three, on the number of times a canine team can fail an evaluation. Mr. Palmer seconded the motion. A vote was taken: Chairman Rivers voted yes; Ms. Cunningham voted yes; Mr. Tosh voted yes; Mr. Palmer voted yes; Mr. Schroyer voted yes; motion carried.

### 7.5 Re-testing for Certification

Detection team's who fail qualification or certification on his third attempt will no longer be allowed to test as a detection team. An administrative letter will be sent to the agency's administration after the second failure with the detection team. This letter will be sent by the C.L.E.E.T. Canine Coordinator.

## 4. Review use of electronic dog collars during certification

Chairman Rivers lead the discussion in the use of the electronic collars. Mr. Schroyer discussed that canines are trained with the collars and are accustomed to wearing them. The discussion

dealt with evaluators knowing when the use of it is being abused. The discussion continued about the correct wording of the standard.

Action Taken: Ms. Cunningham made a motion to change Oklahoma Drug Dog Standards and Guidelines 6.13. The motion was seconded by Mr. Schroyer. Chairman Rivers voted yes; Ms. Cunningham voted yes; Mr. Tosh voted yes; Mr. Palmer voted yes; Mr. Schroyer voted yes; motion carried.

6.13 Electronic or prong collars will be allowed at the discretion of the evaluating officials. No electronic collar will be used in the location of the hidden target odors.

## 5. Consolidation of Canine Boards By Governor Fallin

Ms. Cunningham introduced a bill summary of HB 1470. Mr. Sutterfield spoke about the proposal of consolidating the Bomb and Drug Dog Councils, and where the bill stands at this time. Ms. Cunningham stated that she would like to draft a letter to make representatives aware of how the Drug Dog Council operates.

Action taken: No action taken.

## 6. *New Business*

Ms. Cunningham spoke about the problems private organizations are having getting targets to train their dogs.

The number of evaluators in different sectors of the state was discussed. It was decided that there were adequate numbers at this time. Mr. Palmer asked if the list of evaluators is current, Chairman Rivers stated that it was.

Chairman Rivers asked if there was a possibility of having a replacement for Ms. Nessel, the Drug Dog Council secretary, when she is out of the office. Mr. Sutterfield stated not at this time.

Mr. Schroyer proposed that applicants be allowed to e-mail applications and pictures for the canine licenses. Mr. Sutterfield stated that C.L.E.E.T. could accept electronic documents.

Action taken: No Action Taken.

## 7. Vigilant Canine Services International

Justin Adams with VCSI spoke to the Council about the training that is offered through his company. He discussed the cost and availability of conducting continuing education courses at the C.L.E.E.T. Facility.

Action Taken: No Action Taken

## 8. Adjournment

Action Taken: Mr. Palmer made a motion to adjourn, the motion was seconded by Mr. Schroyer. A vote was taken: Chairman Rivers voted yes; Ms. Cunningham voted yes; Mr. Tosh voted yes; Mr. Palmer voted yes; Mr. Schroyer voted yes; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:28 am.