

K9 Working Group Meeting #3—September 10, 2013—Minutes

Attendees:

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Gabi Hoffmann (Police Services Division), Lorinda Stoneman (Police Services Division), Shannon Griffin (Police Services Division)

Regrets:

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1. **Introduction** – discussion of process for developing Provincial Policing Standards
2. **BC Provincial Policing Standards for police dogs** – discussed requirements for certification: review and amendments of first draft

- a. Certification

- i. Group agrees on section 1 (i.e. according to appendix A, written records).

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- b. Training

- i.

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- c. Post Bite

- i.
 - ii.

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3. Appendix A

- a. Agility

- i. Agreement with draft

- b. Basic Obedience

- i.
 - ii.

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- c. Criminal Apprehension

- i.
 - ii.
 - iii.
 - iv.

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- d. Tracking

- i. Agreement with requirements

- e. Evidence Search

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- f. Building and Area Search

4. Future work

- a. Gabi Hoffmann will revise draft standards according to working group discussion, and email document to attendees; attendees asked to provide feedback on document via email or phone.
- b. Email will be sent to determine future meeting date(s).
- c. Upcoming meeting(s) to discuss deployment guidelines and data collection.

K9 Working Group Meeting #4—November 28, 2013—Minutes

Attendees:

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Stoneman (PSD)

Gabi Hoffmann (PSD), Lorinda

Regrets:

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1. Introduction

2. ACOPPS (Advisory Committee on Provincial Policing) Meeting Update

- a. Composition of ACOPPS: BCAMCP reps, E-Division, police union, RCMP staff relations, Police Academy, RCMP PRTC, BC Civil Liberties, Union of BC Municipalities, Union of BC Indian Chiefs, police boards.
- b. Section 40 of the Police Act gives the Director of Police Services the authority to make standards; the standards apply to all police in BC, incl RCMP.
- c. ACOPPS is part of the process of creating standards where the committee will review draft standards created through specialized topical working groups and/or consultations.

3. Deployment Guidelines

- a. Some considerations for deployment guidelines discussed:
 - i.
 - ii.
 - iii.
 - iv.
- b. A question was raised as to whether the working group should abstain from drafting K9 standards prior to knowing what ACOPPS' position is.
Answer: ACOPPS will not engage in the development and drafting process, instead, the committee is a higher level review. to advise re draft standards as they have been created through the working group and consultation processes.
- c. A question was raised as to whether PSD/government has a set position on what the standards/threshold for using dogs should/will be.
Answer: PSD is using the working group and consultation process to arrive at an informed position. PSD does not have a set position at this point on specifics. PSD's objective is to consider both the perspectives of police and community input/interest groups.
- d. Participants discussed the importance of the following factors with respect to the decision to deploy a police K9 for a "straight-take":
 - i.
 - ii.
 - iii.

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- iv. s.13
- e. It was suggested that the standards may include:
 - i. s.13
 - ii. s.13
- f. Other issues/themes to consider:
 - i. s.13
 - ii. s.13
 - iii. s.13
 - iv. s.13
 - v. s.13
 - vi. s.13
 - vii. s.13
 - viii. s.13
- g. Discussion around possibility of approaching standard re when to deploy with respect to offences types:
 - i. s.13
 - ii. s.13
- h. s.13

4. Moving Forward

- a. PSD will draft an initial set of standards and will consult with other stakeholders. This draft will be circulated to working group members and discussed at the next meeting.

5. Statistics/data

- a. discussion of importance of consistent and accurate data for accountability and context setting for dog use
- b. Statistics could include:

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6. Future meeting

- a. End of January or beginning of February. Members will be contacted via email to set the date.

K9 Working Group Meeting #5—January 30, 2014—Minutes

Attendees:

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Stoneman (PSD)

Gabi Hoffmann (PSD), Lorinda

Regrets:

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1. Introduction

2. Pivot report

- a. PSD was provided with Pivot's draft report on K9s. The report contains statistics, case studies, legal case examples and recommendations for policy on training, deployment and data collection.
- b. PSD read the report and provided some verbal feedback to Pivot. PSD also provided a verbal update to Pivot on the progress of the working group.

3. K9s in USA jurisdictions

- a. Discussion around the policies on K9s in operation on some other jurisdictions.

4. Deployment Guidelines

- a. Some issues were raised:

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- b. Other minor deletions/revisions throughout.

5. Data Collection Requirements

- a. Minor revisions.

6. Certification Requirements

- a. Minor revisions throughout.

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7. Next Steps

- a. PSD will revise draft standards and re-circulate them to working group members. PSD will also be consulting with other / non-police stakeholders.
- b. The revised draft will be circulated to the Advisory Committee on Provincial Policing Standards (ACOPPS) members for discussion at their next meeting (expected in late March 2014)
- c. The standards will also undergo a legal review.
- d. Subsequent version will ultimately be sent to all Chiefs of Police.

8. Closing

It is expected that this will be the last face to face meeting of the K9 working group. The working group was thanked for their contributions to the important process of drafting standards.

The meeting closed at 3:00pm