

April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Dear TDI Associate Member:

We are pleased to announce a Disaster Stress Relief Dog Test (DSRD), which will be held on Saturday June 2<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday June 3<sup>rd</sup> 2012 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. There is no fee to participate.

Please note: Our testing requirements are stringent. It goes without saying the temperament of the dog must be outstanding and the dog should be able to handle all kinds of situations without prior experience.

We evaluate you as well as your dog (including a psychological evaluation of the handler).

- Your dog must be able to pass all parts of the original TDI test
- You and your dog must be in good physical condition, and be able to walk a distance of one mile.
- You and your dog will be subjected to extreme noise from fire engines, etc.
- Your dog must be able to work and to be transported with other dogs (both genders) in close quarters, such as in cars, trolleys, boats, elevators, etc.
- Your dog must be able to work under various conditions, with people crowding the dog and approaching from all sides and without prior warning or introduction.
- You, the handler, must go through additional training, see below:

**These three courses can be taken online at: <http://training.fema.gov/IS/crslist.asp>**

- Introduction to the Incident Command System (ICS 100) IS-00100
- Introduction for single Resources and Initial Action Incidents (ICS 200) IS-00200
- National Incident Management System (NIMS) and Introduction IS-00700

**This course can also be taken online at: <http://learn.nctsn.org/login/signup.php>**

- Psychological First Aid
  - Step 1: Create an account (free): <http://learn.nctsn.org/login/signup.php>
  - Step 2: Check your email and confirm your account (click on link)
  - Step 3: Return to <http://learn.nctsn.org>, and enroll in Psychological First Aid Online

**The following course is not presently available online. We will let you know as soon as we find out when it is being given online:**

- Introduction to Disaster and Trauma Counseling: The FEMA CCP

To request an application, please email [mm@tdi-dog.org](mailto:mm@tdi-dog.org) or call 973-252-9800 (Extension 203).

Participants should expect to be at the testing site for approximately 12 hours, roughly 8AM-8PM.

Applicants will be processed on a first come, first serve basis.

The TDI Office must receive all applications no later than Friday May 25<sup>th</sup>.