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MEMORANDUM

Date: September 22, 2011

TO:

FROM: Chris Perry, Director

SUBJECT: Nevada Highway Patrol; Narcotic Detection K9 Program

Good Afternoon,

First of all I would like to again thank each of you for your participation in the meeting in Carson City on the 20th. I believe that the direct communications between the commanders and the K9 handlers was able to clear up a number of misconceptions and issues regarding misinformation that had been circulating throughout the state program. We also agreed to get back to each of you within two days with a plan regarding the program and your concerns.

I was glad that both of the Trainers clarified that there had been no changes to the current DPS canine program training and certification requirements. This removes any concerns regarding the program's integrity and your ability to be confident in your own testimony for court and prosecution matters.

Concerns were also raised relating to the retraining of a canine in Las Vegas using the LVMPD program and the issues that it would cause if integrated into our existing program. We agree and will not be integrating that K9 team into the program that includes the DPS training and certification requirements. The K9 team that was trained and certified using the LVMPD will remain assigned to the LVMPD task force program and will be trained and certified using their program.

The Division will also be looking into options that will allow for an additional training/observer to be trained in order to facilitate the ongoing certification and training of the K9 teams. We will allow the trainers to travel and/or work as a team for the recertification of the K9 teams.

I would also reiterate the participation in the K9 program is an assignment. The Trooper positions and locations of the K9 teams were testified to and agreed upon with the approving legislative body. Any future requests to be removed from the K9 team assignments will be reviewed and addressed by the Commands in order to determine assignment needs and open positions within those locations. Like any assignment it comes with the expectation of performance associated with the duties and functions assigned to that task.

We appreciate the effort and dedication that you have demonstrated regarding your assignments and look forward to the continued successes of this program.