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Hey, Jaymee.

I doubt they'd want a story made about it, but I'll leave that up to you . . . NETs once again lead, nationally, by serving as decoys for TSA when training their humans & K9s. :-) They have been doing it for several years, and now PDX TSA has asked how they can get similar support nationwide.

JVK, chime in if you think there are ways to make hay of this.

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Subject: RE: Possible Nationwide TSA Canine Decoys.

Hi Ryan.

That's great! I'm so glad to hear that NETs are helping TSA meet the training need at PDX.

Our NET program in Portland is part of the nationwide CERT volunteer network.* Until a few months ago there was a nationwide directory of all CERT programs on the FEMA website, but that has disappeared. <https://community.fema.gov/PreparednessCommunity/s/cert-find-a-program> The best alternative I can suggest is reaching out to the National CERT Association www.nationalcert.org which is a membership organization of volunteers and many program coordinators. They should be able to help spread the news. Feel free to mention that I referred you; I served on the group's board until last year.

I also am cc-ing Kayla Thompson at OEM who coordinates Oregon CERT teams. She might very well have a network of contact in her role at other states as well.

* We are called NET (Neighborhood Emergency Teams) here because the Portland Police SWAT team is called SERT . . . and you wouldn't want to mix up CERT/SERT. :-)

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Good morning Glenn!

I am reaching out to you today to see if you might know of any contacts for coordinators from other states that may have folks that would be interested in volunteering to be TSA Canine Decoys. There are multiple states with airports who are struggling to garner interest and volunteers. The response, and amount of volunteers we have received just from your referrals alone have been amazing and very appreciated! We're hoping that we could pass that success on to other airports.

Jenina Maracle, our Supervisory Transportation Security Specialist for Canine, sits in on nationwide meetings where she has heard of this struggle. Would there be a possibility that you may have some contacts or info on this as it might be able to help the airports in need around the nation who need it. I've CC'd Jenina to this email so she'll be able to see any info you may have in case I am absent.

Again, your referrals are greatly appreciated.

Thank you and have a great day!

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