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SEARCH AND RESCUE DOGS OF COLORADO

STANDARDS AND EVALUATION PROCEDURES

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STANDARDS AND EVALUATION PROCEDURES

1.0 Introduction

These standards are designed to insure that SARDOC's operational SAR dog and handler teams will be professional and competent in their work. Agencies requesting SAR dog teams rely on those teams to do their job correctly. The failure of a team, through inadequate training, could result in the death of a subject who is lost or a SAR team member. It is up to the individual team to insure that they are properly prepared and trained.

The purpose of the standards is to provide a structure of expected abilities and responsibilities for determining the proper field assignment of all Dog/Handler and Field Support team members. Standards are intended also to provide a system which encourages members to achieve additional skill levels for themselves and their dogs and positions of leadership. Training does not have to be obtained through SARDOC, but the skills required for a specific discipline/specialty must be demonstrated through certification testing. The specific required skills and equipment for all discipline/specialty standards are determined by the Colorado SAR Dog Coordinator, Training Director and the Standards Committee.

Dog and handler teams wishing to become state certified must become a member of SARDOC and will be evaluated, through a series of tests, by the Colorado SAR Dog Coordinator, Training Director and Standards Committee to be tested for operational status as stated in the Certification Procedures in these Standards. Dog and handler teams can be required to recertify at the request of the Standards Committee or at the request of the Colorado SAR Dog Coordinator or Training Director.

The SAR dog should have the primary characteristics of the working, herding, sporting or hound breeds and be of sound physical structure and temperament, and of adequate size and strength to negotiate the terrain encountered in wilderness areas. It is also required that the dog be non-aggressive toward people and towards other dogs. Aggression should be controlled by training. If needed, confine the dog to the vehicle or crate the dog. A dog/handler team can lose its state certification if, on any practice or mission, the dog demonstrates unstable and/or undesirable behavior in the opinion of any two members of the Standards Committee. Action of this sort must be reviewed by the entire Standards Committee, but the Colorado SAR Dog Coordinator has final authority in these cases.

The SAR dog handler must be willing to spend considerable time and money on training and equipment. He or she must also be reasonably available to respond to search calls. He or she must attend a minimum of 25% of their local area trainings. SARDOC will hold formal training sessions a minimum of 4 times a year. Each SARDOC member will be required to participate in a minimum of 2 of the 4 SARDOC sessions per year which include business meetings. Members not able to participate in the formal SARDOC session must work with an operational team at least twice per session missed and will supply to the SARDOC Training Director a written description and evaluation of their training done during the time period to satisfy this requirement. This description must be signed by the operational handler(s) training with the team. An operational team which misses more than 2 of the formal SARDOC training sessions within a year may be subject to a review of its operational status by the Colorado SAR Dog Coordinator and/or the Standards Committee. Teams are encouraged to work regularly on their own on all phases of training. Training two to three times a week is recommended.

All SARDOC members must maintain a log of their training.

The relationship between a dog and a handler in a working team goes beyond mutual cooperation. It is a relationship based on mutual trust and love. With this in mind, the following team characteristics will be evaluated at all times during the testing of the team:

The handler and dog should show mutual liking and respect for each other and enjoy playing together as well as working.

The handler shall give appropriate encouragement and praise to the dog. The handler must be able to recognize when the dog is alerting to human scent, and the dog should be giving a recognizable, strong alert.

The handler must demonstrate the ability to work and control the dog effectively in a variety of areas and conditions according to terrain and weather including: 1) The ability to plan searches of areas for the best use of the wind and efficient coverage for that terrain, 2) The ability to judge sweeps of the area suitable to the

prevailing conditions, and 3) The ability to recognize when either member of the team is working inefficiently and take actions to compensate or remedy the situation.

All handlers must observe and aid in the training of other dogs.

The dog shall be willing to find and approach strangers.

The dog should be eager to work in a variety of terrain, ranging under control.

The dog should show eagerness to work and please in a range of stress situations.

The dog must be able to find the subject, return to the handler and re-find the subject.

The dog must not miss an obvious scent even when tired.

The dog must be able to find a subject in a contaminated area.

The dog must be able to find a subject and work effectively with one or more additional persons (may be strangers to the dog) accompanying the team.

Search work is an exhausting physical and emotional experience and requires a dog that is mentally and physically ready for hard work. For the safety of the dog, at time of certification, dogs shall be at least 18 months of age with larger breeds being 2 years of age.

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2.0 Standards

2.1. CANDIDATE MEMBER

An individual joining SARDOC in a non-voting capacity as a non-operational handler, field support personnel, or non-field support personnel until completion of the probationary period. The probationary period is one year. The length of the probationary period is up to the discretion of the Colorado SAR Dog Coordinator, Training Director and the Standards Committee. Probationary members are not allowed to vote, and they are not allowed to participate with their dog on a mission unless specifically requested by the Colorado SAR Dog Coordinator. All non-operational handlers and field support probationary members will be required to pass a written test about SARDOC and a physical condition test before they will be removed from probationary status. All candidates will be voted into membership by a majority vote of the Executive Board of Directors, with recommendations from the Standards Committee and the voting membership, at an Executive Board of Directors meeting.

A. Candidate for Handler or Field Support

An individual hoping to become a voting member of SARDOC upon completion of the probationary period. The member will be in training, in all areas of field readiness and must meet the following minimum standards.

Qualifications-

1. Know the purpose and objectives of SARDOC and be familiar with its Bylaws, Policies, Standards, and organization. This will be demonstrated through a written test administered by a Standards Committee member before the completion of the probationary period, and/or before you may apply for operational status.
2. Demonstrate a basic knowledge of mountaineering or be willing to take a basic mountaineering course. (This will be judged as a general impression rather than a specific test given).
3. Must be in good physical condition. (Before your probationary period is completed, and/or before you may apply for operational status, your physical condition will be tested by a Standards Committee approved member. The test will be a four (4) mile hike over varied terrain, a minimum of 1000 feet gain in elevation, carrying a 25 pound pack to be completed within 3 hours.) A candidate may petition the Standards Committee to submit a letter stating physical fitness from their local fielding agency in lieu of the formal SARDOC test.

Training Requirements-

1. Must attend at least 2 formal SARDOC training sessions per year and, it is highly recommended that handlers attend at least 25% of their area's regular training sessions. Failure to attend at least two formal SARDOC (weekend) training sessions per year or low attendance at regular, area training sessions may be cause for recommendation for removal to the Executive Board by the Coordinator, Training Director and/or Standards Committee.

B. Candidate for Dog

A SARDOC dog candidate is a dog about to enter training for one or more of the

discipline/specialties and should meet the following standards.

Qualifications-

1. Be of sound physical structure and temperament.
2. Be of adequate size and strength to negotiate the terrain encountered in wilderness areas.
3. Be quiet, friendly and well-mannered.
4. Must have proof of preventative vaccinations.

Training Requirements-

Candidates must be approved by the Colorado SAR Dog Coordinator, Training Director and the Standards Committee, and must complete the following training.

1. Demonstrate manners/obedience, or be in appropriate training.
2. Come when handler calls from at least 20 yards.

C. Candidate for Non-field Support

An individual hoping to become a voting member upon completion of the probationary period, and with the desire to help SARDOC in anyway, other than in the field. Non-field Support personnel will never respond to a mission in any capacity. Non-field Support personnel will not be required to take the physical fitness test.

2.2. NON-OPERATIONAL VOTING MEMBER

A voting member in training in all areas of field readiness, and in the case of a handler, having access to a dog, in training, in one or more areas of search-related work. Non-operational personnel will only respond to a mission at the special request of an operational handler and only in the capacity of field team support. Non-operational members will require a confidence vote of operational members before certification, as stated in the Certification Procedures in section 4.0.

A. Non-operational Handler and Field Support

The member will be in training in all areas of field readiness and must meet the following minimum standards.

Qualifications-

1. Be a fieldable member in good standing of a fielding agency.
2. Know the purpose and objectives of SARDOC and be familiar with its Bylaws, Policies, Standards and organization.
3. Be in, and maintain appropriate physical condition for SAR operations. (This will be judged at SARDOC training sessions.)
4. Must attend 2 formal SARDOC training sessions per year to receive operational status. Must also attend at least 25% of local area trainings.
5. Have or be in the process of obtaining a Basic Red Cross First Aid card or "higher" medical training.
6. Have or be in the process of obtaining an American Red Cross/American Heart Association CPR card.
7. Possess the required equipment and satisfactorily complete the training required of field personnel.
8. Be responsible for your own and your dog's safety first, then team member's safety, and lastly the subject's safety.
9. Participate in and assist in the non-handler aspects of a mountain search. Be expected to follow all reasonable orders given by leaders. Only those orders that conflict with safety may be refused without concern for disciplinary action.

10. Be able to participate on a basic search under conditions normally found in the mountains from spring through fall at any altitude.
11. Be capable of backpacking all personal equipment, plus SARDOC equipment and supplies if necessary, at least five miles over rough, mountainous terrain.
12. Be able to select and prepare a proper site for a search team bivouac.
13. Possess the necessary skills and equipment for personal survival in the mountains for a minimum of 24 and up to 48 hours.
14. Be able to navigate, day or night, in an unfamiliar wilderness area using a map and compass, and, separately and independently, demonstrate proficiency in the use of GPS technology.
15. Be familiar with SAR dog search operations as they relate to mantracking, grid and aerial searching.
16. Be familiar with radio communication procedures.
17. Be able to work with a SAR dog in unfamiliar terrain for 8 to 12 hours for three consecutive days.
18. Be able to, at the end of a search, translate field activity onto a base map, including the route taken, areas left uncovered, alerts, wind direction and probability of detection.
19. Have adequate training in canine first aid.
20. Be able to respond to a reasonable number of call outs.
21. Be able to participate on missions under weather conditions normally encountered during winter below timberline with minimal snow. Be capable of selecting and inhabiting adequate campsites for SARDOC operations under these conditions.
22. Be willing to participate in non-mission SARDOC activities such as: equipment maintenance, training, presentations, fund raising, and SARDOC supported community activities.

Training Requirements-

Handlers and Field Support personnel must complete whatever training necessary to meet the qualifying Standards. The training listed below is also recommended.

1. Practice Mission
2. Practice Bivouac
3. Helicopter Operations
4. Mantracking
5. Water Crossing
6. Cold Weather Camp
7. Advanced Navigation
8. Clue Awareness

Required Equipment-

Listed below is the minimum equipment required for Handlers and Field Support personnel.

1. Compass
2. Headlamp
3. Extra Bulbs and Batteries
4. Shelter (tarp, bivy sack, tube tent)
5. Hiking Boots
6. Socks (wool or equivalent)
7. Sweater (wool or equivalent)
8. Mountain Parka
9. Long Pants (wool or equivalent)
10. Hat (appropriate for season)
11. Gloves or Mittens
12. Rain Gear
13. Sunglasses
14. Extra Food and Water for 24 Hours

15. Waterproof Matches
16. Candle and Fire Starter
17. Whistle
18. Pocket Knife
19. Signal Tape (plastic)
20. Signal Mirror
21. Small Notebook and Pencil
22. Toilet Articles
23. Individual First Aid Kit
24. Closed Cell Foam Pad
25. Wind/Rain Pants
26. Gaiters
27. Equipment to Heat Water and a Container to Heat Water
28. 1 Quart Thermos
29. Hearing Protection
30. Sun Screen and Lip Protection

Individual First Aid Kit Contents or Equivalent-

1. Band-Aids
2. Butterfly Bandages
3. Wound Antiseptic
4. Nonstick Gauze Pads
5. 2 in. Roller Bandages
6. Triangular Bandages
7. 1 in. Roll Adhesive Tape
8. Chemical Cold Pack
9. Moleskin or Molefoam
10. Petroleum Jelly
11. Lanacaine or Cortacaine
12. Eye Solution
13. Tincture of Benzoin Swab
14. Tweezers
15. Needle
16. 3 Large Safety Pins
17. Single Edge Razor Blade
18. Scissors

B. Non-operational Non-field Support

A voting member with the desire to help SARDOC in anyway, is more than welcome. Non-field support personnel will never respond to a mission in any capacity. Help can be classified as, but not limited to, the following.

1. Helping any officer with the duties of their office.
 - A. Fund raising activities
 - B. Public demonstrations
 - C. Maintaining membership lists
 - D. Receiving, answering, and filing official SARDOC correspondence
 - E. Maintaining an official file of SARDOC records
 - F. Collecting all payments due SARDOC
 - G. Preparing receipts for all payments received
 - H. Preparing receipts for all contributions received by SARDOC
 - I. Preparing the yearly budget
 - J. Assuring that Federal and State legal requirements are completed and filed in a timely manner.

- K. Maintaining the records of members training, attendance and all certifications of dog/handler teams
2. Financially Supporting SARDOC
3. Dispatching

2.3. OPERATIONAL VOTING MEMBER

An operational handler is a voting member of SARDOC who is certified with a dog in one or more search-related disciplines/specialties. An operational Field Support Personnel member, is a voting member of SARDOC trained in all areas of field readiness to respond to missions with a dog/handler team as a field team member or incident base member.

A. Operational Handler and Field Support Personnel

Handlers or Field Support personnel must continue to meet the following minimum standards.

Qualifications-

1. Be a fieldable member of a fielding agency in good standing with their fielding agency and county Sheriff in order to field as a SARDOC team.
2. Know the purpose and objectives of SARDOC and be familiar with its Bylaws, Policies, Standards and organization.
3. Be in, and maintain appropriate physical condition for SAR operations. (This will be judged at SARDOC training sessions.)
4. Must attend 2 formal SARDOC training sessions per year to maintain operational status and, it is required that handlers attend at least 25% of their area's regular training sessions. Failure to attend at least two formal SARDOC (weekend) training sessions per year or low attendance at area training sessions may be cause for recommendation for removal to the Executive Board by the Coordinator, Training Director and/or Standards Committee.
5. Have a current Basic Red Cross First Aid card or "higher" medical training.
6. Have a current American Red Cross/American Heart Association CPR card.
7. Possess the equipment required of their capability/certification and satisfactorily complete the training required of field personnel. All equipment must be kept in good condition and in a constant state of readiness.
8. Be responsible for your own and your dog's safety first, then team member's safety, and lastly the subject's safety.
9. Be expected to follow all reasonable orders given by leaders. Only those orders that conflict with safety may be refused without concern for disciplinary action.
10. Be able to survive 24 hours under conditions normally found in the mountains from spring through fall at any altitude using only the contents of your pack.
11. Be capable of backpacking all personal equipment, plus SARDOC equipment and supplies if necessary, at least five miles over rough, mountainous terrain.
12. Be able to navigate, day or night, in an unfamiliar wilderness area using a map and compass, and, separately and independently, demonstrate proficiency in the use of GPS technology..
13. Be familiar with SAR dog search operations as they relate to mantracking, grid and aerial searching.
14. Be familiar with radio communication procedures.
15. Be able to work a SAR dog, or with a SAR dog, in unfamiliar terrain for 8 to 12 hours for three consecutive days.
16. Handlers train a SAR dog at least one time per week in wilderness, disaster, snow, water, or article search and participate in at least one training session per month of 6 or more hours.
17. Field Support members train with a SAR dog at least one time per month, in a training session of 6 or more hours, in wilderness, disaster, snow, water, or article search.

18. Be able to, at the end of a search, translate field activity onto a base map, including the route taken, areas left uncovered, alerts, wind direction and probability of detection.
19. Have adequate training in canine first aid.
20. Be able to respond to a reasonable number of call outs.
21. Be able to participate on missions under weather conditions normally encountered during winter below timberline with minimal snow. Be capable of selecting and inhabiting adequate campsites for SARDOC operations under these conditions.
22. Be willing to participate in non-mission SARDOC activities such as: equipment maintenance, training, fund raising, presentations, and SARDOC supported community activities.
23. Completing the NASAR "Managing the Lost Person Incident", or equivalent, course is recommended.

Training Requirements-

Handlers and Field Support personnel must complete whatever training necessary to meet the qualifying Standards. The training listed below is also recommended.

1. Practice Mission
2. Wilderness Survival
3. Helicopter Orientation
4. Man-tracking
5. Clue Awareness
6. Leadership Skills
7. Advanced Navigation
8. Managing the Lost Person Incident
9. Incident Command System

Required Equipment-

Listed below is the minimum equipment required for Handlers and Field Support personnel.

1. Compass
2. Headlamp
3. Extra Bulbs and Batteries
4. Shelter (tarp, bivy sack, tube tent)
5. Hiking Boots
6. Socks (wool or equivalent)
7. Sweater (wool or equivalent)
8. Mountain Parka
9. Long Pants (wool or equivalent)
10. Hat (appropriate for season)
11. Gloves or Mittens
12. Rain Gear
13. Sunglasses
14. Extra Food and Water for 24 Hours
15. Waterproof Matches
16. Candle and Fire Starter
17. Whistle
18. Pocket Knife
19. Signal Tape (plastic)
20. Signal Mirror
21. Small Notebook and Pencil
22. Toilet Articles

Individual First Aid Kit-

1. Closed Cell Foam Pad

2. Wind/Rain Pants
3. Gaiters
4. Equipment to Heat Water and a Container to Heat Water
5. 1 Quart Thermos
6. Hearing Protection
7. Sun Screen and Lip Protection
8. Sleeping Bag
9. Orange Hunting Vest

Individual First Aid Kit Contents or Equivalent-

1. Band-Aids
2. Butterfly Bandages
3. Wound Antiseptic
4. Nonstick Gauze Pads
5. 2 in. Roller Bandages
6. Triangular Bandages
7. 1 in. Roll Adhesive Tape
8. Chemical Cold Pack
9. Moleskin or Molefoam
10. Petroleum Jelly
11. Lanacaine or Cortacaine
12. Eye Solution
13. Tincture of Benzoin Swab
14. Tweezers
15. Needle
16. 3 Large Safety Pins
17. Single Edge Razor Blade
18. Scissors

B. Operational Search and Rescue Dog

A dog that holds a SARDOC certification in one or more of the disciplines/specialties. Search work is an exhausting physical and emotional experience and requires a dog that is mentally and physically ready for hard work. For safety of the dog, dogs shall be at least 18 months of age with larger breeds being 2 years of age.

Qualifications-

1. Stay close to, or responsive to, the handler when off lead, with other people and dogs as distractions.
2. Recall from a group of dogs or other distraction (dog not on stay but loose).
3. A down or sit stay with other dogs which may be called from the group.
4. Allow other handlers to transport and exercise the dog.
5. Be able to be loaded with other dog teams.
6. Be able to jump into the back of a truck.
7. Demonstrate ability to cross streams.
8. Demonstrate agility on obstacles off lead including one jump and one catwalk.
9. Be able to ride quietly in a motor vehicle, snow vehicle, boat, canoe or aircraft for one hour or more, and be able to enter and exit the vehicle.
10. Be able to locate a subject or subjects hidden under natural or manmade debris, and indicate the subject's location in an identifiable manner.
11. Be able to search a building and indicate persons present in the building in an identifiable manner.

Training Requirements-

Dog must complete whatever training necessary to meet the qualifying Standards.

Required Equipment-

Listed below is the extra equipment needed to support a search dog in the field.

1. Dog Food (for a minimum of 24 hours)
2. Extra Water (for a minimum of 24 hours)
3. Dish for Food and Water
4. Collar and Leash
5. Harness for Working (optional)
6. Cyalume Sticks or equivalent
7. Orange Vest (hunting season)
8. Hearing Protection
9. Tie Up Chain or Cable
10. Rewards for dog
11. Up-to-date Vaccinations
12. Necessary Medications (i.e. heartworm)
13. Dog Boots (may be needed in some cases)

Suggested First Aid Kit Contents To Support The Search Dog-

1. Mineral Oil (for dog's ears)
2. Neobacimyx (for dog's eyes)
3. Super Glue (for cuts)

C. SAR Dog Field Team Leader

An advanced Operational Handler or Field Support Personnel member appointed by the Colorado SAR Dog Coordinator, the Training Director, and the Standards Committee, and capable of planning, organizing, coordinating, and supervising all aspects of the use of dog teams on a mission, either individually or with other teams or agencies. On avalanche, disaster, water and/or evidence search missions, the SAR Dog Field Team Leader should have certification in the Specialty of that mission.

Qualifications-

The field duties of the SAR Dog Field Team Leader include but are not limited to:

1. Participating in and providing the leadership for all phases of mountain Search and Rescue in which SARDOC becomes engaged.
2. Participating in the planning and organization of SARDOC training programs.
3. Demonstrate a superior degree of knowledge and proficiency in search procedures and techniques.
4. Be capable of assuming the duties and responsibilities of leading search and rescue teams in the field during a mission.

Training Requirements-

1. The SAR Dog Field Team Leader shall have completed all qualifications required of an operational handler and/or field support personnel member.
2. The SAR Dog Field Team Leader shall have completed a minimum of three years as an operational handler or operational field support member with SARDOC.
3. The SAR Dog Field Team Leader shall have completed all qualifications for whatever Discipline/Specialty they will be leading.

4. The SAR Dog Field Team Leader shall have participated in a minimum of 10 actual search missions as an operational handler and/or operational field support member.
5. The SAR Dog Field Team Leader is required to have completed the NASAR "Managing the Lost Person Incident" course or equivalent.
6. The SAR Dog Field Team Leader shall be approved by the Colorado SAR Dog Coordinator, the Training Director and the Standards Committee.

Required Equipment-

The SAR Dog Field Team Leader must have all the equipment required for Operational Handler and Field Support Personnel and if appropriate, the equipment required for Operational Search and Rescue Dog. He/she must also have all equipment required for whatever Discipline/Specialty they will be leading.

2.4. INACTIVE MEMBER

A. SARDOC member who has paid SARDOC dues but is unavailable for missions or practices. Inactive SARDOC members will not be required to go through the probationary period returning to full status, but may be asked by the Colorado SAR Dog Coordinator or Standards Committee to recertify.

Qualifications-

1. It will be the responsibility of the individual member to declare his or her status to the Colorado SAR Dog Coordinator or to a Standards Committee member.
2. If a member does not declare his or her status to be inactive to the Colorado SAR Dog Coordinator or the Standards Committee, and does not fulfill the membership requirements, the member must rejoin SARDOC and he or she must go through the probationary period.

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3.0 Evaluation Procedures

The purpose of the evaluation procedures is to provide a structure to demonstrate the skills required for certification testing of all discipline/specialty and field support categories. Fielding an uncertified dog demonstrates a lack of good judgment and a lack of concern for the missing subject. This may be judged, by the Standards Committee, as not suitable for SARDOC membership. Furthermore, if the Standards Committee determines you have fielded your dog in an unethical manner, (i.e. representing yourself under false pretenses as a certified SARDOC dog and handler team or working a dog in a discipline/specialty in which the team is not certified) then disciplinary action may be taken. This action may include, denial of certification; or in the case of a certified dog, certification may be revoked; or in severe cases, SARDOC membership may be terminated.

3.1. DISCIPLINE

A. Trailing

Qualifications-

1. Day trailing test - Given a scent article to start with, the dog team will approach the point last seen in a contaminated area (contaminated by two other persons besides the tracklayer) and establish the direction of travel. The team must proceed along the trail that is a minimum of 8 hours old if exposed to full sunlight for 8 hours, or a minimum of 12 hours old if aged overnight, 1 1/2 to 2 miles long through moderate to difficult terrain, and crossing at least one road to find the tracklayer. Actual age of the trail shall be determined by the testers according to the climactic conditions and terrain. All trails will be laid for the convenience and safety of the testers and tracklayers and therefore may surpass the minimum. A half mile or so after the start, the trail will be contaminated by two fresher cross tracks. The dog should also indicate locations of three or more of five articles to be left on the trail by the tracklayer. The team must find the subject in a reasonable amount of time exhibiting handler and dog endurance, strategy, and navigational skills.
2. Night trailing test - Given a scent article to start with, the dog team will approach the point last seen in a contaminated area (contaminated by at least two other persons besides the tracklayer) and establish the direction of travel. The team must proceed along the trail that is at least 2 but no more than 6 hours old, 1/2 to 3/4 miles long through moderate to difficult terrain. The trail will be laid for the convenience and safety of the testers and tracklayers and therefore may surpass the minimum. The team must find the subject in a reasonable amount of time exhibiting handler and dog endurance, strategy, and navigational skills.
3. The handler must successfully complete a written exam on Trailing.
4. Any dog showing signs of unstable and/or undesirable behavior under normal conditions will not be certified.

Training Requirements-

Dog/handler teams are encouraged to work regularly on their own on all phases of training.

1. Training recommended is two to three times a week. It is strongly recommended that trailing dog teams practice diversified training in urban, suburban and wilderness trailing problems with varied lengths, ages and levels of contamination.
2. Must participate in at least 2 of the 4 SARDOC formal training sessions each year. Must also attend at least 25% of local area trainings.
3. It is required that operational handlers certify first as field support.

Required Equipment-

The equipment required for Operational Handler and operational Search and Rescue Dog is required in the discipline of Trailing.

B. Air Scent

Qualifications-

1. Area search for one subject hidden in an area of 1/2 to 1 mile by 1/2 mile, or equivalent, in moderate to difficult terrain. The team must find the subject in a reasonable amount of time exhibiting handler and dog endurance, strategy and navigational skills. Dog must have a reasonable alert when making the find and do a refund to bring the handler back to the subject. Scent article may be used at handler's choice.
2. Be able to search an area 1/4 mile by 1/4 mile in moderate to difficult terrain. Multiple (2-5) subjects will be hidden out of sight and found primarily by airscenting within a reasonable time. The team will be allowed to make only one series of sweeps in the area (no repeating of previously searched areas). The handler will indicate when they feel all subjects have been found and give probability of detection. This will be demonstrated during 4 tests set up at regular practice spread out over several months. These will be observed by a minimum of two operational dog handlers. The sign-off sheet must be submitted with confidence forms prior to testing for Air Scent.
3. Be able to find one subject at night in an area 1/4 mile by 1/2 mile in moderate to difficult terrain, within a reasonable time. The team will be allowed to make only one series of sweeps in the area (no repeating of previously searched areas).
4. An Air Scent dog is expected to scent discriminate and be able to trail a one hour old trail.
5. The handler must successfully complete a written exam on Air Scent.
6. Any dog showing signs of unstable and/or undesirable behavior under normal conditions will not be certified.

Training Requirements-

Dog/handler teams are encouraged to work regularly on their own on all phases of training.

1. Training recommended is two to three times a week.
2. Must participate in at least 2 of the 4 SARDOC formal training sessions each year and attend at least 25% of local area trainings.
3. It is required that operational handlers certify first as field support.

Required Equipment-

The equipment required for Operational Handler and Operational Search and Rescue Dog, is required for the discipline of Air Scent.

C. Field Support/Wilderness

A field support team member must certify as a field support team member in both disciplines, trailing and air scent. The specialty categories are optional, but the field support team member must certify in each specialty to respond to a mission of that specialty.

Qualifications-

1. Field Support Personnel will be tested at a regularly scheduled dog practice. The location of the subject will be unknown to both the dog handler and the field support team member. These tests will be conducted in accordance to the test for the discipline/specialty the field support team member is desiring to support.
2. Field support/wilderness team member must...
 - A. Identify and package a proper scent article.
 - B. Be able to translate the entire route taken by the dog team on the map.
 - C. Be able to locate any clues found, including footprints, on the map.
 - D. Be able to determine if the footprint found matches the description of the footprint of the subject and if so, properly flag the location and radio it to incident base.
 - E. Be able to demonstrate the proper procedures for handling clues, not including footprints, found in the field, and be able to call in the description and location to incident base.
 - F. Be able, at any time, to give a brief understandable explanation of the teams location at the request from incident base.
 - G. Be able to give the final location of the subject to incident base in the proper form.
 - H. Have a very good understanding of air scent strategy.
 - I. Be able to properly read wind direction and alerts given by the dog and translate this information on the map.
 - J. Be able to determine the probability of detection.
 - K. Be able to successfully complete a written exam on trailing and air scent.
 - L. The use of Global Positioning Satellite (GPS) technology is not permitted during Field Support/Wilderness certification tests requiring demonstration of basic map and compass skills and knowledge.
 - M. Inasmuch as the use of GPS technology is a widely accepted part of search management, a separate and independent, successful demonstration of GPS proficiency is required for Support certification. See Section 4.0 for the GPS Proficiency test.

Training Requirements-

Field support/wilderness team members are encouraged to work regularly with search dog teams.

1. Training required is once per month minimum.
2. This team member must participate in at least 2 of the 4 SARDOC formal training sessions each year.

Required Equipment-

The equipment required is the same as stated under Operational Handler and Field Support Personnel Member.

D. Team from outside agency

Dog/handler teams wishing to join SARDOC who have been certified by other agencies are to submit their certification standards to the Standards Committee for evaluation and are to be observed by operational handlers at two different training sessions. The handler should also submit letters of recommendation from the prior certifying agency and/or current fielding agency. If deemed field ready, and approved by the SAR Dog Coordinator, the dog/handler team may field in their own area until tested (for a period of up to 3 months). The new dog/handler team will be on probationary status for 3-6 months during which time they will not be called statewide. Upon completion of the probationary period, they will be invited to test. The number of tests required for certification will be determined by the standards submitted.

3.2. SPECIALTY

A. Avalanche

Avalanche is a specialty and requires certification in the discipline of Air Scent or Trailing to apply for certification in Avalanche. Exceptions will be considered by the Standards Committee on a case by case basis.

Teams employed and certified by ski areas with appropriate avalanche dog team certification tests, which are approved by the SARDOC Standards Committee, may field their dogs as representing that agency only. In order to field as avalanche dogs representing SARDOC, they must certify with SARDOC according to the appropriate SARDOC certifying standards for a SARDOC Avalanche Dog Team.

Qualifications-

1. Any team testing in Avalanche must have a certification in Air Scent or Trailing unless temporarily waived by the Standards Committee. In cases where the Air Scent or Trailing certification is temporarily waived, the team:
 - A. Must pass their wilderness tests in Air Scent or Trailing within six months of Avalanche certification.
 - B. Upon successful completion of Avalanche testing, the dog team will receive notification of a probationary status in SARDOC to field only in Avalanche. The team will not receive full certification in Avalanche until after the Air Scent or Trailing certification has been successfully completed within the six month time frame.
 - C. Probationary standing and Avalanche certification is subject to revocation if successful Air Scent or Trailing testing is not completed within six months. An extension of the six month time frame may be granted by the SAR Dog Coordinator, Training Director or Standards Committee if petitioned for by the handler under extenuating circumstances. The SAR Dog Coordinator, Training Director or Standards Committee will have sole discretionary power to determine whether circumstances warrant an extension of time.
 - D. Upon revocation of Avalanche under these conditions, the team must fully retest in Avalanche after receiving Air Scent or Trailing certification.
2. Two subjects plus clothing articles buried out of sight of test team in a minimum of 6 feet depth of snow with the subjects buried approximately 3 feet deep for a maximum of 10 minutes (average density snow, extremely dense snow necessitates slightly longer scent rise times.) The simulated avalanche area will be at least 150 feet top to bottom and 100 feet across. Handler and dog must approach and navigate rapidly and carefully despite radio interruptions and persons on perimeter. When dog indicates first subject, he will be diverted and restarted while shovelers clear a shallow hole. When dog indicates second subject, he will be diverted and placed in the first hole to test re-indication. If he digs accurately and positively, he will be permitted to fully recover that subject and receive his reward. Dog must locate both live subjects within 30 minutes. He need not locate the clothing articles. Indication on the dummy (clothing articles) will be handled like a live subject. Team will continue searching for live subjects. Tester will then observe enthusiasm differential in dog's indication for dummy verses live subject.
3. Testing rules for avalanche search:
 - A. Nothing belonging to the handler is allowed in the hole with the subject.
 - B. No rescue beacons turned on.
 - C. Subjects and testers will enter the slide zone from the windward side or from a different direction than the test team will enter.
 - D. Shovelers and testers placed so as not to cue the dog or handler.
 - E. Entire slide area disturbed.
 - F. After area disturbance, problem to run as soon as possible.

- G. All burials must be a minimum of 3 feet from the surface.
 - H. At least a head hole cut on burial; full body hole preferred.
 - I. Subject must have a working radio.
4. Handler must have completed an acceptable avalanche course and be able to demonstrate a working knowledge of avalanche safety.
 5. The handler must successfully complete a written exam on avalanche.
 6. The handler must agree to never respond to an avalanche without an avalanche beacon and a shovel.
 7. The handler must be capable of selecting and inhabiting an adequate campsite for their team, for a minimum of 24 hours, during any weather conditions encountered by the team above timberline and in deep snow.
 8. The handler must be competent in winter travel.
 9. The dog must have a suitable natural coat and stamina to withstand and work effectively in below 0 temperatures and navigate avalanche debris.
 10. Any dog showing signs of unstable and/or undesirable behavior under normal conditions will not be certified.

Training Requirements-

Dog/handler teams are encouraged to work regularly on their own on all phases of training.

1. Training recommended is two to three times a week.
2. Must participate in at least 2 of the 4 SARDOC formal training sessions each year.
3. Handler must complete an avalanche course every 3 years.

Required Equipment-

The equipment required for operational Handler and Operational Search and Rescue Dog is required for the specialty of Avalanche. The following equipment is also required for avalanche search.

1. XC skis or snowshoes (and repair items)
2. Backpack snow shovel
3. Backpack stove and pot
4. Avalanche beacon
5. Probe pole
6. Full face protection
7. Wind shell for hands
8. Insulated gaiters or equivalent
9. Additional body insulation, unaffected by water

B. Disaster Search

Disaster Search is a specialty and requires certification in the discipline of Air Scent or Trailing to apply for certification in Disaster Search.

Qualifications-

1. The dog will give a distinct and identifiable alert on buried or hidden large articles of clothing, or bloody clothing, and two live subjects which have been buried or hidden in an area up to 1/2 acre. The handler and dog must approach the search area and navigate rapidly and carefully despite radio interruptions and persons on the perimeter. When the dog indicates the first subject, he will be diverted and continue looking for other subjects. After the search area has been covered, the dog will return to the area of the first find and will be observed for a re-indication. The dog must locate both live subjects within a reasonable time. The dog need not locate the clothing articles. Indication on the clothing articles will be handled like a live subject. The testers will then observe enthusiasm differential in the dog's indication for articles verses live subjects.

2. Testing rules for disaster search:
 - A. Nothing belonging to the handler will be hidden with the subjects.
 - B. Testers and spectators will be placed so as not to cue the dog or handler.
 - C. Entire disaster area will be contaminated by all the people present.
 - D. After area contaminated, problem to run as soon as possible.
3. The dog must be able to maneuver carefully through/over various obstacles that would be applicable for testing the dog's ability and agility in a disaster situation. The various obstacles could be, but are not limited to, obstacles such as: jump, ladder, culvert, or whatever is available and/or appropriate. The handler must not pass an obstacle before the dog and cannot physically assist him. The dog may move through in fluid motion or return to the heel after each obstacle, but must exhibit smoothness and control. The course can be set up in any sequence.
4. The Handler must successfully complete a written exam on disaster search.
5. Any dog showing signs of unstable and/or undesirable behavior under normal conditions will not be certified.

Training Requirements-

Dog/handler teams are encouraged to work regularly on their own on all phases of training.

1. Training recommended is two to three times a week.
2. Must participate in at least 2 of the 4 SARDOC formal training sessions each year.

Required Equipment-

The equipment required for Operational Handler and Operational Search and Rescue Dog is required for the specialty of Disaster Search. The following equipment is also required for disaster search. (You must have access to this equipment, you do not necessarily need to own it.)

1. Coveralls or pants and jacket of tough protective fabric, preferably orange
2. Hardhat or climbing helmet with chin strap
3. Goggles
4. Sturdy boots (high top and steel toes best)
5. Heavy leather work gloves
6. Short shovel
7. Flagging tape
8. Swiss army knife
9. Small day or fanny pack
10. Water purification tablets or First Need Purifier
11. Plastic bags of various sizes
12. For dog - vaccination and/or health certificate
13. Radio
14. Valid passport (required for members participating on the U.S. Dog Team)
15. Prying Bar (recommended)
16. Hatchet (recommended)
17. 75 Feet of 9mm rescue rope (recommended)
18. 2 locking carabiners (recommended)
19. Boots for the dog should be considered
20. Life Vest (in cases of flood)
21. Rappelling harness for dog and handler (recommended)

C. Water Search

Water Search is a specialty and requires certification in the discipline of Air Scent or Trailing to apply for certification in Water Search.

Qualifications-

1. The simulated search will be conducted in an area of at least 150 feet by 150 feet. Clothing articles or cadaver scented material (not pseudo scented material) will be put in the water out of sight of the test team in moderate depth water, approximately 8 to 12 feet (clothing articles will be supplied by default by the evaluation team -- at the handler's choosing, the handler may obtain cadaver scented material for the test, but should the handler not pass the test using cadaver scented material, the handler may not request a retest based on the chosen material not producing adequate scent – pseudo scented material may not be used). The handler and dog must approach the search area and navigate rapidly and carefully despite radio interruptions and persons on the perimeter. The dog shall give a distinct and identifiable alert within 30 minutes. When the dog indicates on the articles, or time is called, the articles will be retrieved in the dog's presence and the dog may receive his reward.
2. The team will demonstrate the dog's ability to swim at least 30 feet on command, exhibiting strong, sure strokes and not panicking. Water used for this will be still with no threat of rapids, falls or entrapment.
3. The handler must successfully complete a written exam on water search.
4. Any dog showing signs of unstable and/or undesirable behavior under normal conditions will not be certified.

Training Requirements-

Dog/handler teams are encouraged to work regularly on their own on all phases of training.

1. Training recommended is two to three times a week.
2. Must participate in at least 2 of the 4 SARDOC formal training sessions each year.

Required Equipment-

The equipment required for Operational Handler and Operational Search and Rescue Dog is required for the specialty of Water Search. The following equipment is also required for water search.

1. Life vest
2. Four marker buoys
3. Canoe or John boat (You must have access to a boat, you do not necessarily need to own one.)
4. River Helmet
5. River Rescue Throw Bag

D. Evidence Search

Evidence Search is a specialty and requires certification in the discipline of Air Scent or Trailing to apply for certification in Evidence Search. Due to the very nature of searching for evidence, any SARDOC dog team applying for certification in Evidence Search must, at all times, be in and remain in good standing with all law enforcement agencies and their own fielding agency. A letter of recommendation from their county Sheriff and/or head of county Emergency Services must be obtained and provided to the SARDOC Coordinator and Training Director, prior to testing.

Qualifications-

1. Be able to locate in an area 100 feet by 100 feet up to 6 articles hidden in the area (articles will have various compositions and be realistic items such as weapons, tools, shot shells, jewelry, clothing, etc). The team will be allowed to make only one pass of the area in one direction and one pass of the area in a perpendicular direction unless the handler has left the grid to follow up on an alert.
2. No more than 1 article can be left undetected.

3. The team will be timed and has 15 minutes to complete the test.
4. All articles must be put out at least 30 minutes in advance of the test.
5. The handler must know the proper procedures for handling evidence found in the field.
6. The handler must know the procedures for securing a possible crime scene.
7. The handler must be able to determine the probability of detection.
8. The handler must successfully complete a written exam on evidence search.
9. Any dog showing signs of unstable and/or undesirable behavior under normal conditions will not be certified.

Training Requirements-

Dog/handler teams are encouraged to work regularly on their own on all phases of training.

1. Training recommended is two to three times a week.
2. Must participate in at least 2 of the 4 SARDOC formal training sessions each year.

Required Equipment-

The equipment required for Operational Handler and Operational Search and Rescue Dog is required for the specialty of Evidence Search.

Test Administration Requirements-

1. The evidence test team shall consist of a minimum of three and a maximum of five testers. One tester shall be a currently certified, paid law enforcement canine officer within an agency (or optionally be a current or retired officer who served as a canine officer within an agency for at least five years), or a certified law enforcement investigator/evidence technician. The officer will have no greater or lesser responsibility as a tester than any of the other testers. All comments and considerations on the part of this officer shall be included in the total evaluation of the dog/handler team. The credentials of the officer shall be included in the dog/handler file and kept on record with the SARDOC Coordinator for future use. These credentials may take the form of a resume listing certification credentials with references and phone numbers and/or photocopies of certification documents.
2. Articles will have various compositions and be realistic items (weapons, tools, shot shells, jewelry, clothing; i.e. plastic, metal and cloth). For the test, tiny items like buttons and pocket change will not be used, though should be tried in training situation. (Suggested articles: shoe, screwdriver with rubber-type handle, average-sized wrench, hammer, wallet, glove, ski hat/mask, bandana, watch with leather or cloth band, gun, bullet casing (larger caliber)).
3. Terrain will not be short, even grass (i.e. not a lawn) but will have reasonable vegetation including some shrubbery, trees.
4. Smaller articles will not be hidden in difficult places like rock crevices or deep in the shrubbery.
5. No items will be buried.
6. Preferably the articles will be all the same scent. Articles should be from someone not at the test site.
7. If multiple teams are testing, different areas will be used for each team, but the same articles can be used. Articles should be in place at least 30 minutes prior to starting test.
8. At the conclusion of the test, the handler must diagram search area, location of clues, and describe scene preservation tactics used in evidence work. The support person per instructions given by the handler may draw the diagram. Handler will explain the team's search effort when completed (debrief with all testers).
9. No more than 1 article can be left unfound during the test to be considered a passing performance.
10. While it is preferable that the dog give a completely passive alert (bark, sit, down), full points will be given if the dog picks up the article and drops it in the same vicinity of

where the article was found. If the dog picks up and removes the article by taking it to the handler, fewer points will be given, but will not be pass/fail. The handler must be able to approximate the original location of the article, however. If the dog runs off with the article elsewhere, no points will be given and the team will fail the test.

11. Articles will remain in place during the test.
12. The dog must alert to the location of the article, though not necessarily find the article itself. If the handler finds the article because the dog indicated in the area, that will be a find.
13. Only one of the testers will know where the articles are placed.
14. Articles will not be touched when placed. (Suggest using tongs or gloves to place the articles and to pick them up. When articles are collected, place them in a new bag to prevent contamination of remaining articles so that they may be used at a later time if there are multiple tests.)
15. Try not to place the articles in a line with one another with wind pattern.
16. One tester will go with the dog team into the test area. The tester can serve as support if the handler so chooses.
17. The handler debriefs with the test team once the problem is completed.

E. Land Cadaver/Human Remains Detection (HRD)

Land Cadaver/Human Remains Detection is a specialty and requires certification in the discipline of Air Scent or Trailing to apply for certification in Land Cadaver Search.

Qualifications-

1. It is required that handlers obtain a national fingerprint background check prior to taking this test and the results of the background check be submitted to the SARDOC Training Director.
2. The evaluation will be composed of three stations. These stations will be tested during the same evaluation process (one or two day period). The dog must successfully locate the scent sources in each station. If the dog fails a station, that station only needs to be retested and must be retested within the same evaluation (one or two day period). If the dog fails more than one station, the entire evaluation process must be repeated.

The evaluation will be:

Surface level station

Buried station

Above Surface (hanging) station

3. Prior to testing, the handler must submit confidence forms and the completed written test for Land Cadaver Detection. The handler must also produce training records indicating success in blind problems over a period of at least six months with a minimum of 12 logged training sessions during that time period. These logs must be signed by the handler's Area Director.
4. Prior to testing, the handler must provide evidence of successful completion of a Bloodborne Pathogens class, a Crime Scene Preservation class and an Awareness Level Hazardous Materials class.
5. The testers will determine whether they or the testee will supply the legally obtained cadaver scent material to be used in testing. Substances that can be used for the test can include at least 15 grams of: a) Aged blood, b) body fluids or c) other aged bone and tissue. One source will be less than 30 days old and the others at least 30 days old. The scent material must be containerized in a way that would prevent the dog or human from coming in contact with it.

6. Each testing dog/handler team will have a fresh testing area. A testing area may only be used once per day.
7. Abuse of any canine during testing will result in an automatic failure.
8. During the evaluation process the canine being evaluated will either wear a flat web collar or be collarless.
9. Handlers will be advised of the test results at the end of the entire evaluation in an official debriefing, which will include positive feedback as well as constructive criticism.
10. Any dog showing signs of unstable and/or undesirable behavior under normal conditions will not be certified.

SURFACE STATION:

1. The handler will advise the testers what his/her dog's trained alert behavior is.
2. The dog must offer the trained alert behavior within 36" of the scent source.
3. The handler will be given an area that measures 70 yards by 70 yards in size to search with clearly marked boundaries. The area will contain 1-4 scent sources.
4. The terrain and vegetation in the Evaluation area should be consistent with the general characteristics of the surrounding area.
5. The handler must develop a search plan and advise the testers how he/she intends to search the area.
6. The handler may deviate from his/her original plan.
7. The scent targets will be placed in the search area on the ground but camouflaged by natural debris.
8. The targets will be placed 1-6 hours prior to search.
9. The search area will be contaminated with human scent to prevent the dog from trailing to the scent source.
10. One animal scent distraction will be utilized in the search area.
11. Distractions that may be utilized are commercially manufactured animal urine, horse or cow manure, legally obtained skeletal remains of non-domestic animals, animal skins obtained and possessed within local wildlife regulations, or animal antlers obtained and possessed within local wildlife regulations. Under no circumstances will any animal be harmed in order to provide these animal distractions.
12. The dog may travel outside of border areas to compensate for wind and terrain.
13. The dog must be under the handler's control at all times. Failing to recall to the handler after exiting the search area will constitute a failure.
14. Once a target is located by the dog, the dog should offer its trained alert behavior. The type of alert given is at the discretion of the handler. The dog may be rewarded.
15. The handler, upon recognizing the dog's alert, should identify and mark the location of the scent source alert by placing a survey flag or wand into the ground. The dog may not continue to search until this location is identified and marked by the handler.
16. The handler should finish searching the area after locating the scent sources.
17. Any alert that the handler identifies and marks which is a false alert will constitute a failure of the station.
18. The handler has thirty minutes to complete this exercise.

BURIED STATION:

1. The handler will advise the evaluator what their canine's trained alert behavior is.
2. The dog must offer the trained alert behavior within 36 inches of the scent source.
3. The handler will be given an area that measures 70 yards by 70 yards in size to search with clearly marked boundaries.
4. The handler must develop a search plan and advise the testers how he/she intends to search the area.
5. The handler may deviate from his/her original plan.
6. The scent material will be placed 1-6 hours prior to the search, buried at least six inches but not more than 24 inches.

7. There will be four other blank holes dug and refilled in the search area, taking care that they don't become contaminated with cadaver scent.
8. The search area will be contaminated with human scent to prevent the dog from trailing to the scent source.
9. A single animal scent distraction will be utilized in the search area.
10. Distractions that may be utilized are commercially manufactured animal urine, horse or cow manure, legally obtained skeletal remains of non-domestic animals, animal skins obtained and possessed within local wildlife regulations, or animal antlers obtained and possessed within local wildlife regulations. Under no circumstances will any animal be harmed in order to provide these animal distractions.
11. The dog may travel outside the border areas to compensate for wind and terrain.
12. The dog must be under the handler's control at all times. Failing to recall to the handler after exiting the search area will constitute a failure of the station.
13. The handler should utilize a search pattern described to the testers in the search plan.
14. Once the dog has located the scent material, he should offer his trained alert behavior. This behavior is at the discretion of the handler. The dog may be rewarded.
15. The handler, upon recognizing the dog's alert, should identify the location of the scent source alert by placing a survey flag into the ground. The dog may not continue to search until this location is identified and marked by the handler.
16. The handler should finish searching the area after locating the scent source.
17. Any false alert will constitute a failure.
18. The handler has 30 minutes to complete this test.

ABOVE SURFACE (HANGING) STATION:

1. The handler will advise the testers as to what their dog's trained alert behavior is.
2. The dog must offer the trained alert behavior near the scent source.
3. The handler will be given an area that measures 70 yards by 70 yards in size to search with clearly marked boundaries.
4. The handler must develop a search plan and advise the testers as to how he/she intends to search the area.
5. The handler may deviate from his/her original plan.
6. The scent material will be placed 1-6 hours prior to the search, at least six feet but no more than eight feet above ground level.
7. The search area will be contaminated with human scent to prevent the dog from trailing to the scent source.
8. A single animal scent distraction will be utilized in the search area.
9. Distractions that may be utilized are commercially manufactured animal urine, horse or cow manure, legally obtained skeletal remains of non-domestic animals, animal skins obtained and possessed within local wildlife regulations, or animal antlers obtained and possessed within local wildlife regulations. Under no circumstances will any animal be harmed in order to provide these animal distractions.
10. The dog may travel outside the border areas to compensate for wind and terrain.
11. The dog must be under the handler's control at all times. Failing to recall to the handler after exiting the search area will constitute a failure of the station.
12. Once the dog has located the scent material, he should offer his trained alert behavior. The type of alert given will be at the discretion of the handler. The dog may be rewarded.
13. The handler, upon recognizing the dog's alert, should verbally identify the location of the strongest alert on the scent source to the testers and also place a survey flag into the ground. The survey flag must be within a distance equal to the height of the target when measured from directly below the target.
14. The handler should finish searching the area after locating the scent source.
15. Any false alert will constitute a failure.
16. The handler has 30 minutes to complete this test.

Training Requirements-

Dog/handler teams are encouraged to work regularly on their own on all phases of training.

1. Training recommended is two to three times a week.
2. Must participate in at least 2 of the 4 SARDOC formal training sessions each year.
3. Handler must have attended a Crime Scene Preservation class prior to testing. This class must be taught by a State or POST certified law enforcement instructor. Proof must be turned into the Coordinator prior to testing.
4. The handler must have completed a HAZMAT AWARENESS course that meets or exceeds 29CFR1910 (SARA Title III) prior to testing. This course must have been taught by a person that meets the requirements as shown in 29CFR1910. Proof must be turned into Coordinator prior to testing.
5. Handler must have completed a Blood Borne Pathogens training course that meets or exceeds 29CFR1910. This course must have been taught by a person that meets the requirements as shown in 29CFR1910. Proof must be turned in to the Coordinator prior to testing.

Required Equipment-

The equipment required for operational Handler and operational Search and Rescue Dog is required for the specialty of Land Cadaver. The following equipment is also required for Land Cadaver:

1. Latex/Nitril gloves
2. Handi Wipes with Bleach
3. Appropriate flagging materials
4. Eye protection

3.3. FIELD SUPPORT/SPECIALTY

A. Field Support/Avalanche Team Member

Field support/avalanche team member requires certification in the discipline of field support/wilderness to apply for certification in the specialty of avalanche.

Qualifications-

1. A field support/avalanche team member must have completed an acceptable avalanche course and be able to demonstrate a working knowledge of avalanche safety.
2. The field support team member must successfully complete a written exam on avalanche.
3. The field support team member must agree to never respond to an avalanche without an avalanche beacon and shovel.
4. The field support team member must be capable of selecting and inhabiting an adequate campsite for their team, for a minimum of 24 hours, during any weather conditions encountered by the team above timberline and in deep snow.
5. The field support team member must be competent in winter travel.
6. The field support team member must be competent working in a probe line and searching with an avalanche beacon.
7. The field support team member must participate in a formal SARDOC avalanche training session.

Training Requirements-

Field support/avalanche team members are encouraged to work regularly with search dog teams.

1. Field support/avalanche team members must complete an avalanche course every 3 years.

Required Equipment-

The equipment required for Operational Handler and Field Support Personnel is also required for the specialty of Avalanche. The following equipment is also required for avalanche search.

1. XC skis or snowshoes (and repair items)
2. Backpack snow shovel
3. Backpack stove and pot
4. Avalanche beacon and probe
5. Full face protection
6. Wind shell for hands
7. Insulated gaiters or equivalent
8. Additional body insulation, unaffected by water

B. Field Support/Disaster Team Member

Field support/disaster team member requires certification in the discipline of field support/wilderness to apply for certification in the specialty of disaster.

Qualifications-

1. The field support team member must participate in a formal SARDOC disaster training session.
2. The field support team member must have knowledge of a disaster area as it pertains to structural safety and potential hazards and must be able to successfully pass a written exam on disaster search.
3. Must understand you will most likely have to deal with dismemberment and/or death in a disaster search.

Training Requirements-

Field support/disaster search team members are encouraged to work regularly with search dog teams.

Required Equipment-

The equipment required for Operational Handler and Field Support Personnel is required for the specialty of Disaster Search. The following equipment is also required for disaster search. (You must have access to this equipment, you do not necessarily need to own it).

1. Coveralls or pants and jacket of tough protective fabric, preferably orange
2. Hardhat or climbing helmet with chin strap
3. Goggles
4. Sturdy boots (high top and steel toes best)
5. Heavy leather work gloves
6. Short shovel
7. Flagging tape
8. Swiss army knife
9. Small day or fanny pack
10. Water purification tablets or First Need Purifier
11. Plastic bags of various sizes
12. Radio
13. Valid passport (required for members participating on the U.S. Dog Team)
14. Prying Bar (recommended)
15. Hatchet (recommended)
16. 75 Feet of 9mm rescue rope (recommended)
17. 2 locking carabiners (recommended)
18. Life Vest (in cases of flood)

19. Rappelling harness (recommended)

C. Field Support/Water Search Team Member

Field support/water search team member requires certification in the discipline of field support/wilderness to apply for certification in the specialty of water search.

Qualifications-

1. The field support team member must participate in a formal SARDOC water search training session.
2. The field support team member must have the ability to read air behavior and direct coverage of the search area.
3. The field support team member must be proficient at paddling a canoe in a search operation.
4. The field support team member must successfully complete a written exam on water search.
5. The field support team member must be able to determine the probability of detection.

Training Requirements-

Field support/water search team members are encouraged to work regularly with search dog teams.

Required Equipment-

The equipment required for Operational Handler and Field Support Personnel is required for the specialty of Water Search. The following equipment is also required for water search.

1. Life vest
2. River Helmet
3. River Rescue Throw Bag

D. Field Support/Evidence Search Team Member

Field support/evidence search team member requires certification in the discipline of field support/wilderness to apply for certification in the specialty of evidence search.

Qualifications-

1. The field support team member must know the proper procedures for handling evidence found in the field.
2. The field support team member must know the procedures for securing a possible crime scene.
3. The field support team member must be able to determine the probability of detection.
4. The field support team member must successfully complete a written exam on evidence search.

Training Requirements-

Field support/evidence search team members are encouraged to work regularly with search dog teams.

Required Equipment-

The equipment required for Operational Handler and Field Support is required for the specialty of evidence search.

SEARCH AND RESCUE DOGS OF COLORADO, INC. (SARDOC)

STANDARDS AND EVALUATION PROCEDURES

4.0 Certification Procedures

When a non-operational field support member or non-operational handler wishes to be evaluated for change in operational status, or, if an operational handler or field support member wishes additional certification, he/she must do the following:

1. The non-operational field support member or non-operational handler (testee) wishing to become operational (certified), or operational handlers desiring additional discipline/specialty certification, shall contact the SARDOC Training Director and request that the certification test(s) be scheduled.
 2. The SARDOC Training Director shall determine whether the testee is ready for certification testing by verbally reviewing the Standards test of the desired discipline/specialty with the testee. Additionally, if the SARDOC Training Director does not have firsthand knowledge of the testee's ability, the SARDOC Training Director may choose to contact other SARDOC members who have observed the testee on practices. The purpose of inquiry is to avoid the time lost in testing testees for certification when he/she and/or the dog is clearly not ready.
 3. The field support testee will be given a confidence form to have signed requiring the signatures of 6 operational SARDOC members. 3 shall be SARDOC operational handlers, the other 3 may be SARDOC operational handlers or operational field support members.
 4. Prior to receiving confidence forms and written tests for Air Scent or Trailing, the dog team must demonstrate successful completion of two mock tests, one locally and one out of area, in the desired discipline.
 5. The handler testee will be given 6 confidence forms to have signed. At least 4 must be signed by SARDOC certified handlers or testers. The remaining two of the required 6 forms may be signed by SARDOC certified Handlers or testers or SARDOC certified Field Support members prior to being tested. The appropriate written test will be given to the testee along with the confidence form.
 6. The test(s) will be administered within one month of the request or upon return of the confidence forms and written test, and at the convenience of the testers.
 7. If the test(s) requested are not passed within 3 months of the confidence forms being turned in, the confidence forms must be filled out again in order for tests to get set up. However, if a person is in the midst of testing and has successfully completed (passed) some of their tests, this does not apply.
 8. The testing team will be made up of a minimum of 3 testers to a maximum of 5 testers. The following criteria will be used when establishing the testing team (the testers):
 - A. Prior to being considered as a tester, a person must have served as operational support or as an operational handler on at least five missions.
 - B. Testers must have participated in at least two other tests in whatever discipline/specialty is being tested.
 - C. The test team must consist of at least 2 operational handlers, one must be certified in the discipline/specialty being tested. All must be approved by the Standards Committee. There may also be one or more tester trainees on the testing team.
- Any number of people may follow and observe at the discretion of the handler. Observers must not distract the testing team or communicate in any way with the testee.
9. Before the field test, the testee will be asked to show what he/she has in their field pack. At that time the pack's contents will be discussed between the testers and the testee. If the pack is inadequate, the testers may opt to cancel the test.
 10. For all disciplines/specialties, at least two testers shall not know the whereabouts of the subject(s) or articles(s).
 11. At the beginning of the test, a tester shall review with the testee the goals of the test and make note of the time at the start of the test. The testers shall determine how long the testee shall have to complete the test.

12. Once the test has begun, the only allowable conversation between the testers and the testee is that regarding navigation, search strategy, and how the dog is working.
13. During a test for air-scent, trailing, or field support, the testee must be asked to locate him/herself on a map and give the correct coordinates at least once during the test. For all discipline/specialties, the testee must locate him/herself on a map and give the correct coordinates at the beginning and end of the test. The use of Global Positioning Satellite (GPS) technology is not permitted during any SARDOC certification test.
14. For all search disciplines/specialties, the testee shall explain his/her search strategy at the beginning of the test. Should the testee change his/her strategy at any time during the test, he/she shall inform the testers.
15. After completion of the test, nothing regarding the test shall be discussed among any of the testers, or with the testee, until after the testers have reviewed the test in private. The testers should review and score the test after returning from the field and within 12 hours. Observers may not attend the review of the test. Directly after the testers have completed their review, the testee will be invited to discuss his/her test results with the testers. Observers may, or may not, be present at the testee's discretion.
16. In the event that a testee should fail and the testee wants to contest the tester's decision, the testee may petition the Standards Committee. A meeting of the Standards Committee, the testee, and the testers must be held within one month to resolve the disagreement.
17. When a testee fails, one or more Standards Committee members shall decide under what criteria the testee may re-test. The criteria must be presented verbally (or in writing if the testee requests) within one month of the original test. If a dog/handler team does not pass a test in a certain test area, the retest of that skill (trailing, large area, night, or multiple victim) cannot be conducted in the same test area. The same area, however, may be used for testing of the other skills.
18. Operational handlers may petition the SARDOC Standards Committee for permission to certify in specialty work without first meeting the wilderness air scent or trailing requirement IF they meet the following criteria:
 - A. Operational handler must have five years operational wilderness experience with previous dog and have operational status as either a handler or support in the specialty being requested.
 - B. Canine must be 18 months to two years of age minimum to be considered for specialty testing.
 - C. Team will be evaluated on airscent/trailing capabilities prior to consideration for specialty certification by successfully demonstrating their skills on the A1-A2 or T1-T2. Demonstration of skills by airscent or trailing will be at the handler's discretion. No combination will be allowed in meeting the criteria. An operational handler certified in the air scent or trailing discipline will observe the A1-2 or T1-2 tests and send written comments with a pass/fail recommendation to the Training Director.
 - D. Operational handlers desiring to seek such certification in specialty work shall petition the Standards Committee in writing, and receive such permission, prior to requesting A or T test evaluations. The Standards Committee shall provide a written response to the handler within 30 days of receiving the written request.
 - E. Handlers receiving permission from the Standards Committee for specialty certification have the option at any time to proceed with Wilderness Air Scent or Wilderness Trailing certifications as already outlined. A or T tests conducted prior to the handler revising their training shall be considered valid towards attaining the goal of whichever wilderness discipline they choose with the caveat that A tests shall only be valid for air scent certification while T tests shall only be valid for trailing certification.
 - F. Teams successfully completing their A1-2 or T1-2 may then petition the SARDOC Training Director for confidence forms for the specialty they wish to certify in. All current SARDOC policies and procedures regarding the Evaluation process shall be followed.

AIR SCENT SEARCH DOG/HANDLER TEAM TEST

HANDLER:

DOG:

DATE:

[] PASS [] FAIL AREA
[] PASS [] FAIL NIGHT

TESTERS:

N
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G
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[]	[]	1.	Dog gives readable alerts. A. Good B. Fair C. Poor D. N/A
*[]	[]	2.	Handler reads alerts consistently. A. Yes B. No
[]	[]	3.	Handler demonstrates ability to read air behavior. A. Good B. Fair C. Poor
[]	[]	4.	Dog responds to scent cone. A. Consistently B. Very Little C. Not at all D. N/A
[]	[]	5.	Dog team relocates scent cone after a wind shift. A. Yes B. No C. N/A
*[]	[]	6.	Dog does an understandable refind A. Good B. Fair C. Poor D. N/A
*[]	[]	7.	Handler recognized the dog has made a find in a multi subject test. A. 100% B. > 50% C. < 50% D. N/A
[]	[]	8.	Dog team's ability to do area search for one subject. A. Good B. Fair C. Poor D. N/A
[]	[]	9.	Dog's ability to locate multiple subjects A. All B. Part C. None D. N/A
[]	[]	10.	Dogs ability to find subject at night A. Good B. Fair C. None D. N/A
*[]	[]	11.	Dog locates subject(s) within a reasonable time. A. Yes B. No
[]	[]	12.	Handler's ability to differentiate dog working game or scent. A. Good B. Fair C. Poor D. N/A
*[]	[]	13.	Dog stops running game on command and returns to work. A. Responds well B. Does not respond C. N/A
*[]	[]	14.	Team's ability to cover the area assigned. A. Good B. Fair C. Poor
[]	[]	15.	Handler's judgment of sweeps of the area. A. Good B. Fair C. Poor
[]	[]	16.	Handler's ability to give the probability of detection A. Good B. Fair C. Poor
*[]	[]	17.	(no points) Dog shows unstable and/or undesirable behavior A. No certification

MULTIPLE SUBJECT SIGN OFF SHEET FOR LARGE AREA TESTING

The testee is required to complete four Multiple Subject tests at regular practices over the course of the year preceding airscent testing before being allowed to begin testing for Air Scent. These tests will each be set up at regular practices and observed by at least two Operational Handlers who will determine whether each test was completed successfully. (Use an Airscent test form as a guideline.)

*Each test will be $\frac{1}{8}$ to $\frac{1}{4}$ x $\frac{1}{4}$ mile in size, in varied/moderate terrain, with two to five subjects, some unknown to the dog. The time limit will be set by the observing handlers, but 1 hour should be more than sufficient.

****THIS FORM MUST BE TURNED IN TO THE TRAINING DIRECTOR WITH THE CONFIDENCE FORMS AND WRITTEN TEST FOR AIR SCENT. NO ONE WILL BE ALLOWED TO TEST IN AIR SCENT WITHOUT THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THESE MULTI TESTS.**

Testee:

Dog:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Operational Handlers (2)</u>	<u>Signatures</u>
<u>1.</u>			
<u>2.</u>			
<u>3.</u>			
<u>4.</u>			

TRAILING SEARCH DOG/HANDLER TEAM TEST

HANDLER: _____ DOG: _____ DATE: _____

Day Test: [] Pass [] Fail Score: _____

Night Test: [] Pass [] Fail Score: _____

Trailing:

Day Night

- [] [] 1. Handler presents article to the dog
A. Good B. Fair C. Poor
- [] [] 2. Dog works despite interfering scent
A. Good B. Fair C. Poor
- *[] *[] 3. Dog established the direction of travel
A. Yes B. No
- [] [] 4. Dog team continues on trail after crossing road
A. Yes B. No
- [] [] 5. Dog continues working after crossing two fresher tracks
A. Good B. Fair C. Poor
- [] [] 6. Dog indicates on three of five articles on trail
A. All B. Part C. None
- *[] *[] 7. Dog locates subject within a reasonable time
A. Yes B. No
- [] [] 8. Handler's ability to differentiate dog working game or scent
A. Good B. Fair C. Poor D. N/A
- *[] *[] 9. Dog stops running game on command and returns to work
A. Responds well B. Does not respond C. N/A
- [] [] 10. Handler tries to influence dog
A. None B. Some C. A lot
- [] [] 11. Handler's mantracking ability and clue awareness
A. Good B. Fair C. Poor
- *[] *[] 12. Handler's ability to read the dog
A. Consistently B. Some what C. Not at all
- *[] *[] 13. (No Points) Dog shows unstable and/or undesirable behavior
A. No certification

AVALANCHE SEARCH DOG/HANDLER TEAM TEST

HANDLER: _____ DOG: _____ DATE: _____

Pass Fail Avalanche Score: _____

Avalanche:

- * 1. Dog/handler has a certification in Air Scent and/or Trailing
A. Yes B. No C. Waived _____
- * 2. Handler has completed an avalanche course within 3 years
A. Yes B. No Course: _____ Year: _____
- * 3. Handler possesses the equipment required of this specialty
A. Yes B. No
- 4. Dog indicates live subject first
A. Yes B. No
- 5. Dog looks for 2nd subject after being diverted from 1st
A. Yes B. No
- 6. Dog reindicates on first subject
A. Yes B. No
- 7. Dog digs accurately and positively
A. Good B. Fair C. Poor
- * 8. Dog locates both live subjects within 30 minutes
A. Yes B. No
- 9. Is dog's enthusiasm greater for live subject versus dummy
A. Yes B. No
- * 10. Handler reads alert consistently
A. Good B. Fair C. Poor
- 11. Handler's judgment of sweeps of the avalanche area
A. Good B. Fair C. Poor
- 12. Handler's ability to give the probability of detection
A. Good B. Fair C. Poor
- 13. Handler is competent in winter travel
A. Good B. Fair C. Poor Mode: _____
- * 14. (No Points) Dog shows unstable and/or undesirable behavior
A. No certification

DISASTER SEARCH DOG/HANDLER TEAM TEST

HANDLER: _____ DOG: _____ DATE: _____

[] Pass [] Fail Disaster Score: _____

Disaster Search:

- * [] 1. Dog/handler has a certification in Air Scent and/or Trailing
A. Yes B. No
- * [] 2. Handler possesses the equipment required of this specialty
A. Yes B. No
- * [] 3. Dog gave an identifiable alert
A. Good B. Fair C. Poor
- * [] 4. Handler reads alert consistently
A. Good B. Fair C. Poor
- [] 5. Handler demonstrates ability to read air behavior
A. Good B. Fair C. Poor
- [] 6. Dog's ability to locate subject under natural or manmade debris
A. Good B. Fair C. Poor D. N/A
- * [] 7. Dog located both live subjects within 30 minutes
A. Yes B. No
- [] 8. Handler's ability to give the probability of detection
A. Good B. Fair C. Poor
- * [] 9. Team's ability to cover area assigned
A. Good B. Fair C. Poor
- [] 10. Refind or reindication
A. Acceptable B. When given the chance did not reindicate
- [] 11. Restart and alert on multiple find
A. Yes B. No
- [] 12. Is dog's enthusiasm greater for live subject versus articles
A. Yes B. No
- * [] 13. Dog's ability to maneuver the various obstacles. The obstacles are at tester's choice and are used to judge the team's ability to move through a disaster area.
A. Good (14 to 12) B. Fair (11 to 9) C. Poor (8 or less)
1. _____ A. Good B. Fair C. Poor
2. _____ A. Good B. Fair C. Poor
3. _____ A. Good B. Fair C. Poor
4. _____ A. Good B. Fair C. Poor
5. _____ A. Good B. Fair C. Poor
6. _____ A. Good B. Fair C. Poor
7. _____ A. Good B. Fair C. Poor
- [] 14. (No Points) Dog shows unstable and/or undesirable behavior
A. No certification

WATER SEARCH DOG/HANDLER TEAM TEST

HANDLER: _____ DOG: _____ DATE: _____

Pass Fail Water Score: _____

Water Search:

- * 1. Dog/handler has a certification in Air Scent and/or Trailing
A. Yes B. No
- * 2. Handler possesses the equipment required of this specialty
A. Yes B. No
- 3. Dog is able to swim 30 feet on command
A. Good B. Fair C. Poor
- * 4. Dog gave an identifiable alert on articles in the water
A. Good B. Fair C. Poor
- * 5. Dog located articles within 30 minutes
A. Yes B. No
- * 6. Handler reads alert consistently
A. Yes B. No
- 7. Handler's ability to direct coverage of search area
A. Good B. Fair C. Poor
- 8. Handler demonstrates ability to read air behavior
A. Good B. Fair C. Poor
- * 9. Team's ability to cover area assigned
A. Good B. Fair C. Poor
- * 10. Handler is able to paddle canoe in search operations
A. Good B. Fair C. Poor
- 11. Handler's ability to give the probability of detection
A. Good B. Fair C. Poor
- * 12. Dog/handler team will demonstrate dogs ability to ride quietly and confidently in any water craft
A. Yes B. No
- * 13. (NO Points) Dog shows unstable and/or undesirable behavior
A. No certification

EVIDENCE SEARCH DOG/HANDLER TEAM TEST

Handler:_____ Dog:_____ Date:_____

Testers:_____

Score:_____ [] Pass [] Fail

Time: Articles placed:_____ Test started:_____ Test completed:_____

Score General Test, questions 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15,
16, 17

Evidence Search:

- * [] 1. Dog/handler has a certification in Air Scent and/or Trailing
A. Yes B. No
- * [] 2. Handler possesses the equipment required of this specialty
A. Yes B. No
- * [] 3. Dog gives an identifiable alert
A. Yes B. No
- * [] 4. Handler reads alerts consistently
A. Good B. Fair C. Poor
- [] 5. Handler demonstrates ability to read air behavior
A. Good B. Fair C. Poor
- [] 6. Handler's judgment of sweeps of the area
A. Good B. Fair C. Poor
- * [] 7. Team's ability to cover the area assigned
A. Good B. Fair C. Poor
- * [] 8. Dog locates ALL or all-but-one of the articles within a
reasonable time (handler reads dog's behavior to determine
location of articles)
A. Yes B. No
- * [] 9. Handler is familiar with evidence handling procedures
A. Yes B. No
- * [] 10. Handler is familiar with procedures for securing a possible
crime scene
A. Yes B. No
- * [] 11. Dog disturbs evidence as little as possible
A. Good B. Fair C. Poor (runs off with article)
- [] 12. Handler's ability to differentiate dog working game or scent
A. Good B. Fair C. Poor D. N/A
- * [] 13. Dog stops running game on command and returns to work
A. Yes B. No C. N/A
- * [] 14. Handler's ability to give the probability of detection
A. Good B. Fair C. Poor
- * [] 15. (No points) Dog shows unstable and/or undesirable behavior
A. No certification
- * [] 16. Handler has obtained letter of recommendation from their
Sheriff and/or head of county Emergency Services.
A. Yes B. No

* Indicates Pass/Fail Questions

Evidence test:

100' x 100' Each square equals 10'

Locate articles by their number on the grid

	Description	Located	
Article: 1.	_____	Y	N
	2. _____	Y	N
	3. _____	Y	N
	4. _____	Y	N
	5. _____	Y	N
	6. _____	Y	N

LAND CADAVER/HUMAN REMAINS DETECTION

(HRD) SEARCH DOG/HANDLER TEAM TEST

Handler: _____ Dog: _____ Date(s): _____

Testers: _____

Location: _____

Pass Fail

- Surface Station Retest results and date: _____
 Buried Station Retest results and date: _____
 Hanging Station Retest results and date: _____

Prior to test: (Test can only be continued if all answers in this section are Yes)

Yes No

- National fingerprint background check completed satisfactorily with results submitted to SARDOC Training Director (no felonies, no serious misdemeanors, excessive speeding or serious traffic offenses).
- Confidence forms and written test for Land HRD detection completed satisfactorily.
- Required training records produced (Success in blind problems over period of 6 months w/minimum of 12 logged sessions).
- Handler has provided proof of having completed a Bloodborne Pathogens class.
- Handler has completed Awareness Level Haz Mat training.
- Handler has completed a Crime Scene Preservation class.
- Handler has certification in Air Scent or Trailing or an approved exception as per SARDOC Standards.

Surface Station: (All answers must be “yes” to pass each station)

- Handler advised testers of canine’s trained alert behavior at start of test.
- Dog offers trained alert behavior within 36” of all (1 to 4) scent sources.
- Canine offers trained alert behavior only on HR scent source,

not on animal or any other scent source.

- Canine functioned under control of handler at all times.
- Handler identified and marked location of scent source.
- Handler interpreted possible false alerts correctly.
- Handler's strategy and tactics were appropriate to ensure a thorough search of this or a similar area.
- Canine does not show unstable, aggressive or unsafe behavior toward any person or other canine.
- Dog team successfully completed this exercise within 30 minutes.

Buried Station

- Handler advised testers of canine's trained alert behavior at start of test.
- Dog offers trained alert behavior within 36" of scent source.
- Canine offers trained alert behavior only on HR scent source, not on animal or any other scent source.
- Canine functioned under control of handler at all times.
- Handler identified and marked location of scent source.
- Handler interpreted possible false alerts correctly.
- Handler's strategy and tactics were appropriate to ensure a thorough search of this or a similar area.
- Canine does not show unstable, aggressive or unsafe behavior toward any person or other canine.
- Dog team successfully completed this exercise within 30 minutes.

Above Surface (Hanging) Station:

- Handler advised testers of canine's trained alert behavior at start of test.
- Dog offers trained alert behavior near the scent source (within acceptable distance based upon height of source material).
- Canine offers trained alert behavior only on HR scent source,

not on animal or any other scent source.

- Canine functioned under control of handler at all times.
- Handler identified and marked location of scent source.
- Handler interpreted possible false alerts correctly.
- Handler's strategy and tactics were appropriate to ensure a thorough search of this or a similar area.
- Canine does not show unstable, aggressive or unsafe behavior towards any person or other canine.
- Dog team successfully completed this exercise within 30 minutes.

Comments:

GPS PROFICIENCY TEST

Testee: _____

Tester: _____

Test Date: _____ **Test Result (Pass/Fail):** _____

Test Procedures:

This GPS test must be completed before the Testee is allowed to take the Field Support Certification Test. It may be given at a regularly scheduled practice or some other time and place at the discretion of the Area Director. The Tester must be an operational voting member of SARDOC. Others may observe the test with the Tester and Testee's approval.

For each skill and each oral question, the tester will score "Proficient", "Acceptable", or "Fail". The testee passes the GPS test if all skills and questions are scored "Proficient" or "Acceptable".

The testee may use whichever GPS receiver they are familiar with, preferably one that will likely be available on a mission. This could be the testee's personal GPS, one owned by their fielding agency, or one borrowed from another SARDOC member. The Tester should also be familiar with that make and model of GPS receiver.

Skill Demonstrations:

The Tester will determine what order the following skills are demonstrated, and will determine the locations for each skill to be demonstrated.

Proficient	Acceptable	Fail	
			1. Batteries: Show the Tester where the GPS receiver's batteries are and explain how to replace them (testee does not have to actually replace the batteries)
			2. Satellite Lock: Turn on GPS, get satellite lock. Show the Tester how to tell when the GPS has satellite lock, and what the satellite signal strength is.
			3. Datum. Demonstrate to the Tester how to select the datum for the GPS.
			4. Current Location: Provide current location in UTM coordinates and also in Lat/Lon coordinates. Provide altitude of current location from the GPS.
			5. Mark A Waypoint. Mark the current location as a waypoint on the GPS. Enter a name, date, and time for the waypoint if the GPS supports that feature. Otherwise note the waypoint number and the name, date, and time on a piece of paper.
			6. Locate Coordinate On Map: Read the current UTM or Lat/Lon from the GPS and find that location on a map.

			7. Go To Waypoint: Tester provides a UTM or Lat/Lon coordinate approx ¼ mile from current location. Testee must enter that waypoint into the GPS, and use the GPS to walk to that location. Testee tells the tester when they have arrived at the location. The destination will be selected by the Tester so that at least one detour from the direct route must be taken (fence, ridge, body of water, etc.)
			8. Save A Track Log: Testee will follow tester on a winding path at least ½ mile long. Testee must use the GPS to save a track log of the path followed and save it in the GPS. If track logs are not supported by the GPS device, then testee must save a sequence of waypoints sufficient to reconstruct the path followed on a map.
			9. Transfer Track Log to Map: Testee will take the track log or waypoint list saved in the "Save a Track Log" demonstration, and draw that track on a map of the area. This will be done manually (not by downloading the track log to a computer's mapping software).

Test Questions:

These oral test questions are asked by the tester during the skills demonstrations.

Proficient	Acceptable	Fail	
			1. What are some advantages of GPS over a compass?
			2. What are some advantages of a compass over GPS?
			3. What factors can affect a GPS device's ability to obtain a satellite lock?
			4. What factors can affect a GPS device's accuracy?
			5. What is a map datum? Which datum do you use, and why?

- * 14. Demeanor around dog and/or handler
 A. Acceptable B. Unacceptable
- 15. Mantracking ability and clue awareness
 A. Good B. Fair C. Poor
- * 16. Successfully completed, separately and independently, the
 GPS Proficiency Test.
 a. Yes B. No

FIELD SUPPORT AVALANCHE SEARCH TEST

NAME: _____ DATE: _____

Pass Fail Score: _____

Testers: _____

Tester Trainees: _____

Field Support/Specialty/Avalanche:

- * 1. Must have passed the Wilderness Search discipline
 A. Yes B. No
- ** 2. Successfully completed a written exam on avalanche
 A. Yes B. No
- * 3. Competent in winter travel (snowshoes, cross country skis)
 A. Good B. Fair C. Poor Mode: _____
- * 4. Completed an avalanche course within 3 years
 A. Yes B. No Course _____ Year _____
- * 5. Possesses the equipment required of avalanche teams
 A. Yes B. No
- 6. Knows how to work in a probe line
 A. Yes B. No
- * 7. Competent searching with an avalanche beacon
 A. Yes B. No

FIELD SUPPORT DISASTER SEARCH TEST

NAME: _____ DATE: _____

Pass Fail Score: _____

Testers: _____

Tester Trainees: _____

Field Support/Specialty/Disaster:

- * 1. Must have passed the Wilderness Search discipline
 A. Yes B. No
- ** 2. Successfully completed a written exam on disaster
 A. Yes B. No
- * 3. Possesses the equipment required of disaster teams
 A. Yes B. No
- * 4. Sufficient Agility
 A. Yes B. No

