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***CANINE TEAM OPERATIONAL
GUIDELINES
HUMAN REMAINS DETECTION***



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Human Remains Detection Canine Team

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I. PURPOSE

The purpose of canine team standards is to identify the knowledge and skills needed by an individual and their canine partner to perform as a human remains detection canine team (canine team). These standards recognize the need for the canine team to acquire and maintain skills, in a wide variety of search operations, through continuing education and training.

II. SCOPE

- A. These standards are intended to define minimum qualification requirements for a canine team and support personnel. References made in regards to handlers or canine teams shall also apply to support personnel with the exception of canine requirements.
- B. These standards are designed for volunteer and governmental canine teams who wish to meet the knowledge and skills required to perform as a canine team.
- C. The canine team should be able to perform the following:
 1. Search for human remains and perform recovery operations in wilderness and urban environments, or similar situations.
 2. Assist with the evaluation, organization, and investigation of a human remains and recovery incident.
- D. The canine team should be capable of performing these functions anytime of the year, day or night, and in all weather conditions rendered safe and feasible for search operations.
- E. The canine team may work with a variety of individuals and organizations, including law enforcement, fire and rescue, volunteers, and family members of the missing subject(s).

III. **MEMBERSHIP**

- A. Membership is for the “Georgia Body Recovery Team” (GBRT), specifically for the GBRT K9 Unit. The primary function of the GBRT is to search, locate, document, process, and transport human remains. Within the GBRT, the GBRT K9 Unit’s primary function is to provide canine resources to search and locate human remains for local, state, and federal agencies that may respond to wilderness, water and urban disaster missions **AS REQUESTED BY THE GBI.**
- B. Within the State of Georgia, there is a two (2) year commitment required by all Task Force members. Because the GBRT is recognized as a Task Force, GBRT members shall also adhere to this commitment.
- C. Membership for the GBRT is for a human remains detection canine team. The GBRT Task Force shall meet the requirement for the human remains canine team to be a member of a Task Force to conduct disaster recovery activities.
- D. An individual may apply to the GBRT as a canine handler without a canine. However, the individual must obtain a canine partner that is suitable for the GBRT K9 Team functions within six (6) months of becoming a GBRT member. If the individual does not obtain a canine partner within these six (6) months, their membership status with the GBRT may be reconsidered.
- E. A maximum of six (6) members (handler and/or support personnel) from the same local team or affiliation shall be members of the GBRT.
- F. If a member joins another search and rescue team or if their membership with a local team changes, they shall notify the K9 Coordinator.
- G. The canine team shall successfully complete all requirements to be considered for membership.
- H. The process for membership includes the following. The canine team shall complete each step before proceeding to the next step:
 1. Canine team application completed, reviewed and processed.
 2. Handler interview.
 3. Handler accepted and approved for membership.
 4. Handler completes and signs all required membership documentation.
 - Applicant’s Form
 - Employer’s Form - Optional
 - Non-disclosure Agreement
 - Membership Agreement
 - Equipment Form
 5. Letter issued to handler outlining their membership.
 6. Handler successfully completes all required training.
 7. Canine team successfully completes human remains testing and evaluation.
- I. After completing all requirements, the canine team shall be on a one (1) year probation period.

- J. Annual membership performance assessments shall be conducted for each member.
- K. The GBRT has the final authority in determining membership for all canine teams.
- L. Membership is on a volunteer basis and the canine team shall not be considered “employees” of the State of Georgia.
- M. Membership does not provide any monetary compensation, medical benefits or release from liability for the canine team.
- N. Membership shall be considered a privilege, and the GBRT holds the right to discontinue membership privileges to any canine team at any time.
- O. Membership categories:
 - Associate – The individual has completed the application and interview process, and has been approved to join the GBRT.
 - Operations – The individual has completed all required GBRT training, including the physical fitness test, and is available to conduct operational functions in the field.
 - Technical Expert – The individual has completed the application and interview process, and has been approved to join the GBRT. The individual has also completed required training. This individual will be called upon on an “as needed” basis to assist the GBRT in their area of expertise. Examples of technical experts for the GBRT K9 Unit include a state board certified veterinarian, licensed veterinarian technician, etc.
 - Reserve – The individual has completed the application and interview process, and has been approved to join the GBRT. However, due to unforeseen circumstances (illness, family emergencies, job change, move, etc), they are unable to participate in GBRT events for 90 days. They will remain on reserve no more than an additional 90 days. After this additional 90 days, their membership will be reconsidered. The member must submit a written request to the K9 Coordinator or Program Manager prior to being placed on reserve status.

IV. CODE OF ETHICS

- A. Canine teams must abide by Code of Ethics.
- B. Canine teams must abide by all applicable local, state, or federal laws, and rules and regulations.
- C. Violation of the any laws, rules and regulations or Code of Ethics may result in loss of evaluation, license, loss of membership status, and/or referral to appropriate authorities.
- D. Included along with the rules and regulations and Code of Ethics, the canine aggression policy will be utilized at all events and any canine teams that violate this policy will be asked to leave the event immediately.
- E. Canine teams will conduct themselves in a professional manner at all events and treat all other members and canines with respect.
- F. Canine teams shall demonstrate a spirit of cooperation and teamwork and positive attitude toward TF members, and shall not directly or indirectly conduct any actions detrimental to the TF members or command staff.

- G. Unless a certified peace officer, handlers will not be allowed to carry firearms at any events.
- H. No transportation, possession or use of illegal drugs or alcohol shall be allowed at any events.
- I. Persons shall not openly or publicly disagree with any aspect of a search and will only offer positive and constructive advice during official critiques of searches. Disagreements/conflicts shall be conducted privately and all parties shall conduct themselves in a professional manner at all times.
- J. Persons shall understand that a search for a missing person is considered a potential criminal investigation until resolved and that the inadvertent or intentional disclosure of information could adversely impact or jeopardize any resulting criminal prosecution.
- K. Persons will adhere to strict operational security measures when participating in a search and will not divulge information relating to the search to any individual not participating in the search without first clearing the need for, and scope of, such disclosure with the law enforcement agency having jurisdiction.
- L. No persons shall utilize their involvement with the GBRT for personal or financial gain. If a conflict of interest arises (or the perception of a conflict of interest arises) the person shall notify the GBRT Command Staff immediately.
- M. Only after a canine team is certified and receives full membership from the GBRT, they may seek permission to place their GBRT membership information on pre-approved material and sites (business cards, web site, brochures, etc.). The following language is allowed:
 - 1. Handler's name
 - 2. Canine's name
 - 3. Members of the Georgia Body Recovery Team – Certified (date)Any additional language must be pre-approved by the GBRT Command Staff. If persons inquire about the GBRT K9 Team, they should be given the following contact information:

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V. DEFINITIONS

- A. **Canine Specialist (Handler)** – An individual who specializes in handling a canine. This individual has a search canine partner who works together as a team to search for human remains.
- B. **Deployable Canine Team** – A canine team that is comprised of a Canine Specialist (handler) and their search canine that have successfully completed testing and evaluation requirements and they are in good standing with the GBRT.
- C. **Certified Canine Team** - A canine team is comprised of a Canine Specialist (handler) and their search canine that has successfully completed testing and evaluation requirements but is not deployable for a variety of reasons (training, injury, etc.).

- D. **Wilderness Human Remains Detection Canine Team** – A deployable canine team that has successfully completed wilderness testing and evaluation requirements and are in good standing with the GBRT for wilderness missions.
- E. **Disaster Recovery Canine Search Specialist Team** – A deployable canine team that has successfully completed disaster recovery testing and evaluation requirements and are in good standing with the GBRT for disaster missions.
- F. **Helper** – Anyone who is willing to assist in the development of canines for the benefit of the GBRT and who is not training a dog, but is regularly attending GBRT training events. Individuals who are selected as a canine specialist but do not have a canine, shall be considered as a helper for the GBRT canine program.
- G. **Visitor** - An individual who expresses an interest in applying as a GBRT member and would like to attend canine training GBRT events to educate themselves on the requirements of a disaster canine team. Visitors will not be allowed to bring a canine to a GBRT event except with the approval of the K9 Coordinator and with the intention of the canine being assessed as a disaster canine candidate.
- H. **Event** - Any training, evaluation, test, deployment, or gathering consisting of at least one canine handler team or teams and other persons.
- I. **Governmental Canine Team** – A canine team whereby the handler is a full-time employee of a governmental agency and works a minimum of 40 hours per week for said agency and receives benefits from said agency. The canine may or may not be owned by the governmental agency, but is supported by the governmental agency by providing time, monetary funds, and/or equipment to the handler for care and support of the canine.
- J. **Hosting Agency** - GBI
- K. **Private Canine Team** – A canine team whereby the handler may or may not be an employee of governmental agency. If the team receives any funding by private donations, is a member of a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, or support of the canine team is primarily provided by another party other than the individual's governmental employer, it shall be considered a private canine team.
- L. **Support Personnel** - Persons who are at least twenty-one (21) years old and provide support to a Canine Specialist before, during, or after search operations.
- M. **K9 Program Manager** – State of Georgia authorized representative that is responsible for the overall management and coordination of the State of Georgia's Disaster Canine Program.
- N. **K9 Coordinator** – Individual selected and approved to be responsible for the management and coordination of a Task Force canine unit they have been assigned to.

VI. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

- A. The Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI) is the lead agency for the GBRT. Members of the GBRT include personnel from the GBI, Department of Natural Resources, Department of Corrections, GEMA/HS, and civilians of the GBRT K9 Unit. The K9 Unit will be managed by the K9 Coordinator and the K9 Coordinator will answer directly to the K9 Program Manager. The K9 Program Manager will then provide information to the GBRT Command Staff.

- B. The K9 Coordinator selected and approved by the Selection Committee shall be appointed and designated for the GBRT.
- C. The K9 Coordinator shall be responsible for the management of the K9 Unit.
- D. The K9 Coordinator shall appoint an Assistant K9 Coordinator who shall act as the K9 Coordinator as deemed necessary in their absence.
- E. The K9 Coordinator shall have the authority to appoint a K9 Training Coordinator as deemed necessary.
- F. Canine teams shall report directly to K9 Coordinator for any activities related to the GBRT canine unit.
- G. A State of Georgia authorized representative shall be appointed as the State of Georgia's K9 Program Manager and they shall be responsible for the overall management of the State of Georgia Canine Program.
- H. The K9 Coordinator shall provide information to the K9 Program Manager relating to the canine unit. This information includes, but is not limited to, selection of canines, progress reports of canine teams, training, personnel appointments and personnel issues, equipment needs, etc.
- I. Visitors are allowed to attend one canine training GBRT event with the intention of educating themselves on the requirements of becoming a canine team. Upon their second attendance, visitors should complete an application. Visitors will not be allowed to bring a canine to any GBRT event except with the approval of the K9 Coordinator and with the intention of the canine being assessed as a canine candidate.
- J. The GBRT and the State of Georgia reserves the right to reassign K9 Coordinators and/or canine teams to fit the overall needs of Georgia's Search, Rescue and Recovery Response System.

VII. HANDLER REQUIREMENTS

A. SAR OPERATIONS

1. Individuals must be at least twenty-one (21) years old. Proof of age may be required.
2. Individuals must be U.S citizens and legal residents of the State of Georgia. Proof of residency may be required.
3. Individuals must be able to read and write and be proficient in the English language.
4. The handler shall have the ability to develop basic search canine assignments for a search incident and provide appropriate recommendations for additional resource support to the incident.
5. The handler shall demonstrate professional and proper conduct as it relates to public safety agencies, other volunteers, the family of the missing subject(s), and the media.
6. The handler shall operate under the National Incident Management System as required by Georgia law and/or state or federal protocols.
7. The handler shall have an understanding of general safety considerations in human remains and recovery operations, including critical incident stress debriefing.

B. LEGAL ASPECTS

1. Understand the roles and responsibilities at the local, state, and federal level.
2. Understand and abide by approved and established methods for reducing liability exposure.
3. Follow all applicable local, state, and federal laws.
4. Have a working knowledge and understanding of how to respond to and protect a possible crime scene, including but not limited to, chain of evidence and documentation.
5. Understand the parameters of membership with the GBRT, and understand there are legal ramifications for my actions as a member.

C. RESPONSE PROTOCOLS

1. The canine team must be certified prior to responding to an incident, both for wilderness and/or disaster, based upon the needs of the incident.
2. The K9 Coordinator and the K9 Program Manager must be notified of any and all deployments/missions the canine teams may be requested to assist with.
3. The canine team shall respond to incidents only after proper authorization and approval by the Command Post, Incident Commander and/or management team, GBI.
4. The canine team will be deployed as a human remains detection team under the auspices of the GBI.
5. If an individual is also a member of another search and rescue team, the GBRT takes priority over any and all events and missions. In summary, if the GBRT and the other search team have training or missions scheduled on the same time or day, the individual must respond to GBRT events and missions. This includes situations where the individual is called out initially by another search team and then the GBRT is deployed, the individual must respond as a GBRT member. If an individual refuses to be deployed as a GBRT representative and deploys with the other search team, this may constitute immediate termination from the GBRT K9 Unit.
6. For parameters when a member has dual membership to the GBRT and to a Georgia USAR Task Force, the following shall apply:
 - If both the GBRT and the USAR Task Force are deployed, the K9 Program Manager will make a determination as to which team the handler and K9 will be assigned to. This determination will be made based upon need and availability.
6. The handler must be able to recognize the team's capabilities and limitations in responding to various incidents.
7. The canine team shall respond to incidents in uniform and with all necessary equipment, including personal protection equipment.
8. Upon arriving at the scene, the team shall check in at Command Post, Incident Commander and/or management team to obtain search information and instructions.

9. If requested, have photo identification and required license and/or certificate available for verification.
10. Any accident/injury shall be reported immediately to the Command Post, Incident Commander and/or management team.
11. In many instances, a canine team may be requested to assist in searches that do not involve the GBRT. In this situation, the GBRT takes no responsibility for any activities conducted by the canine team. Also, the canine team shall not use any equipment or identify themselves as the GBRT while conducting these searches.
12. When a canine team is requested to assist in searches that do not involve the GBRT, and they are requested by **any** state or federal agencies, they must contact the K9 Coordinator and/or the K9 Program Manager. Also if these searches last longer than 12 hours and/or involve more than two agencies, the K9 Coordinator and/or the K9 Program Manager should be contacted immediately. This does not mean that the GBRT will be activated, but simply notification that a search is ongoing that may require additional resources.

D. RECORDKEEPING

1. The handler shall maintain and keep a current log book documenting the training he/she has performed with their canine partner. If requested, the handler shall present their training logs.
2. To ensure the log book meets the scrutiny of the courts, the log book shall document the following minimum information:
 - The canine team shall conduct at least 16 hours of training and maintenance (care, feeding, etc.) on a monthly basis.
 - Percentage (%) of the dog's reliability, illustrating both positive and false responses.
 - Describe the scenario by type. The training should be scenario-based and realistic.
 - Describe the quantities used. Varying quantities should be utilized.
 - List the novel (distracting) odors.
 - Outline the negative (blank) areas.
 - Describe the extinction (proofing) training.
3. Upon the completion of an incident, the handler shall provide the appropriate agencies and/or K9 Coordinator with a search report outlining their activities during the incident. The report should be completed and sent to the appropriate agencies within fourteen (14) days from the last day of the team's incident activities.

E. TRAINING

The following minimum training is required for the canine team. Documentation showing proof of successfully completing the training will be required by the canine team. The table below is a summary of the courses and required hours.

Course	Hours	Comments
Crime Scene Preservation	4	
Wilderness SAR	36	
Hazmat Awareness	8	
Rescue Specialist	16	
ICS - IS 100, 200, 700 and 800	8	(2 hours for each course)
IS 5	2	
First Aid/CPR – Human	16	
First Aid – Canine	6	
USAR Orientation	8	
USFS Pack Test	2	Physical fitness - moderate level
AKC – Canine Good Citizen	1	Dog must be AKC-CGC certified
GEMA License	1	Dog must be GEMA/OHS Licensed
GBRT HRD Evaluation	2	Must successfully pass SWG HRD Test (or equivalent)
Training Hours	150	Approx. time required to train HRD canine
PREREQUISITE HOURS	260	

1. Perquisite

- Handlers shall have a minimum of two (2) years' dog experience.
- If a peace officer, the handler shall have a current peace officer's evaluation and be in good standing with the Peace Officers Standards and Training Council.
- If a firefighter, the handler shall have a current firefighter's evaluation, and be in good standing with the Firefighters Standards and Training Association.
- If a civilian, the handler shall have a current GEMA "SAR Dog License" and be in good standing with the Georgia Emergency Management Agency-Homeland Security.

2. Recovery Awareness Level Training (or Crime Scene Preservation course)

- The handler shall complete all basic training required by all members as determined by the GBRT. This includes, but is not limited to, at least 4 to 8 hours of recovery team awareness level training and/or a crime scene preservation course.

3. NIMS Training

- IS-100: Introduction to Incident Command System, I-100
- IS-200: ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents
- IS-700: National Incident Management System (NIMS), An Introduction
- IS-800: National Response Plan, An Introduction

4. Hazardous Materials

- IS-5: An Introduction to Hazardous Materials.
- A hazardous materials awareness course that meets 29 CFR 1910 (SARA Title III) requirements

- Crime Scene Preservation course (if not addressed in other training, i.e. law enforcement academy, SAR training, etc).
5. First Aid Training
 - Basic first aid training.
 - Certified in CPR.
 - The handler shall show proof of basic dog first aid knowledge.
 6. Map and Compass
 - The handler shall have a good working knowledge and understanding in using a map and compass. Proof of knowledge may be required.
 7. Search and Rescue
 - Wilderness Training - Any persons who would like to conduct field work (wilderness missions) with the canine team shall have successfully completed a Wilderness Search and Rescue Operations Level training course that encompasses at least 36 hours of wilderness search and rescue training.
 - Urban Training - Any persons or canine teams who would like to conduct urban field work (structural collapse missions) shall have successfully completed a Structural Collapse Awareness Level training course that encompasses at least 8 hours of urban search and rescue training. This course meets the NFPA 1007 and 1670 standards.
 8. Disaster Training
Any canine team that wishes to pursue disaster recovery training, testing and evaluation, shall complete the following minimum requirements:

Course	Hours	Comments
PREREQUISITES		Dog teams must complete all GBRT requirements and testing prior to pursuing disaster recovery.
Crime Scene Preservation	4	
Wilderness SAR	36	
Hazmat Awareness	8	
Rescue Specialist	16	
ICS - IS 100, 200, 700 and 800	8	(2 hours for each course)
IS 5	2	
First Aid/CPR – Human	16	
First Aid – Canine	6	
USAR Orientation	8	
USFS Pack Test	2	Physical fitness - moderate level
AKC – Canine Good Citizen	1	Dog must be AKC-CGC certified
GEMA License	1	Dog must be GEMA/OHS Licensed
GBRT HRD Evaluation	2	Must successfully pass SWG HRD Test (or equivalent)
Training Hours	150	Approx. time required to train HRD canine
PREREQUISITE HOURS	260	
DISASTER REQUIREMENTS		
Firefighter License	340	Personnel must be firefighter (or LE, EMT, EMA) to pursue disaster operations
Canine Search Specialist Course	46	
Structural Collapse Technician	80	This course exceeds the US&R Orientation Training and is

Course		required for all Georgia USAR members
ICS – 100, 200, 700 and 800	-----	Covered in prerequisites
CPR / First Aid – Human	-----	Covered in prerequisites
First Aid – Canine	-----	Covered in prerequisites
Critical Incident Stress (CISD)	-----	As needed based upon mission/event
USAR Disaster Fitness	2	Physical fitness – 5 stations
Hazmat First Responder Operational Level, 29 CFR 1910-120	48	May be covered in firefighter training. If not a licensed firefighter must complete this training separately.
Respirator Training, 29 CFR 1910-134	4	May be covered in firefighter training. If not a licensed firefighter must complete this training separately.
WMD Awareness Training, Basic Course	6	
WMD Enhanced OPS Training	16	
SUSAR Disaster Recovery Evaluation and Evaluation	8	SUSAR evaluation test and evaluation (or equivalent)
Training Hours	250	Approx. time required to train canine
DISASTER REQ. HOURS	802	
TOTAL HOURS	1,062	

9. Training Parameters

- The overall concept of the GBRT training is not to be a hardship upon its members, but in contrast to ensure that the members receive the necessary training and skills to effectively respond to an event as well as build the confidence and abilities of each member. Members and the K9 Coordinator shall work together to make sure members' training needs are met while at the same time members shall complete the training within a reasonable time.
- Upon membership approval, members will complete all required training within a twelve (12) month period. Members are encouraged to pursue this goal with the assistance and guidance of the K9 Coordinator. Members that are not able to meet this goal shall contact the K9 Coordinator to assist with their training progression.
- Members will attend 2/3rd of scheduled GBRT training within in a six (6) month period to ensure their training needs are met. Once members successfully complete all training requirements and once a canine team is certified, the K9 Coordinator shall partner with each member to ensure their canine is maintained to an operational level and that members maintain their participation with the GBRT as well as remain proficient with all the skills learned.

10. Additional Training

- The canine team shall participate in any and all GBRT training as required by the GBRT.
- K9 teams shall conduct at least 16 hours of training per month. This may include, but is not limited to, GBRT training, obedience, agility skills, search operations, exercises, basic care and maintenance, or

educational training. Copies of training certificates and/or records may be required to show proof of training.

F. EQUIPMENT

1. Any equipment owned by the GBRT that is issued to the canine team, shall remain the property of the GBRT. If the canine team leaves the GBRT for any reason, the canine team shall return all GBRT equipment upon their departure from the GBRT.
2. The individual whom the equipment was issued to must return all GBRT equipment in good working conditions within fourteen (14) days of their departure from the GBRT to the K9 Coordinator or Search Team Manager. If the equipment is not returned within this time frame, the individual may be reported to law enforcement officials.
3. The team shall ensure that all equipment is in good working condition.
4. The canine team shall present themselves in a professional manner, wearing the required and appropriate uniform and equipment at all events.
5. Individuals shall be allowed to wear their GBRT uniform to non-GBRT events so long as the event promotes the professional image and credibility of the GBRT. Individuals shall use good judgment and shall not wear their GBRT uniform to any facilities or events that may jeopardize the GBRT's image and credibility. These situations may include but are not limited to bars, nightclubs, adult themed events, etc.
4. The canine team shall have a working knowledge and confidence in using all equipment effectively during an incident.
5. The handler shall have an understanding of the basic principles of clothing and equipment selection for the search environment.
6. The minimum equipment for the canine team shall include the following:
 - a. Handler
 - * Gray "BDU" work pants
 - * Uniform shirt
 - * Boots that provide ankle protection
 - * At least 16 ounces of water
 - * Personal ID card
 - * Leather gloves
 - * Compass
 - * Surveyor's tape or flags to mark the alert area
 - * Personal Protection Equipment (latex/rubber gloves, face mask, eye protection)
 - * Protective Head Gear (as deemed necessary/required)
 - b. Dog
 - * Flat collar or correction collar
 - * 4-6 foot leash
 - * Search vest to identify the dog as a service dog
 - * Harness or other equipment used for working
 - * Reward (toy or dog treats)
 - c. Vehicle

- * Appropriate sized kennel for the dog
 - * At least one (1) gallon of water for each dog
 - * Water bowl
 - * Snacks for dog and handler
 - * Basic first aid supplies for minor injuries (cut pads, hands, etc)
7. Each member shall also have a “24 hour pack” that includes the equipment listed on **ATTACHMENT A**. The canine team shall also ensure they carry additional equipment as required or deemed necessary for the incident. This includes, but is not limited to, being totally self-sufficient for seven (7) days or longer. Extra items may include additional clothing, food, bedding, shelter, etc. Equipment for disaster recovery operations is outlined in **ATTACHMENT B**.

G. PHYSICAL CONDITION

1. Understand that human remains recovery work is most often physically demanding which involves long hours, strenuous activities, and traveling great distances, negotiating rough and varied terrain, and enduring extreme weather conditions.
2. It is highly recommended that individuals interested in pursuing human remains recovery work should have a complete physical exam performed by their primary physician before participating in an incident.
3. Individuals should pursue an effective physical conditioning program (walking, hiking, weight training, aerobics, etc.) in order to meet the physical demands of human remains recovery work.
4. Wilderness Operations: The United State Fire Services (USFS) moderate level “pack test” shall be utilized to evaluate the handler’s physical fitness condition for wilderness missions. The test shall be the responsibility of the handler and should be conducted in good faith by the canine team. Documentation showing proof of successfully completing the physical fitness test will be required by the canine team. The GBRT reserves the right to require the canine team to conduct the physical fitness test by evaluators if the fitness level of the canine team appears inadequate. At a minimum, the handler shall conduct the moderate level pack test which consists of walking two miles in 30 minutes or less with a 25-pound backpack carried on their back. Handlers, at their option, may elect to test at the arduous level pack test which consists of walking three miles in 45 minutes or less with a 45-pound backpack carried on their back. Handlers should be able to conduct simple tests at the completion of the physical fitness test (i.e., ABCs, obedience skills, etc.). The terrain shall consist of level to moderate ground such as a track, paved road, open fields, lightly wooded areas, etc.
5. If a handler is injured or contracts an illness that requires a physician’s care, the handler (or handler’s family/friend) shall notify the K9 Coordinator of their condition. The handler shall obtain documentation from the physician stating they are able to resume normal physical activities before they are allowed to participant in any GBRT events or missions.

VIII. CANINE PARAMETERS

A. RELATIONSHIP WITH CANINE

1. Canines shall remain the legal property of the handler, and handler shall be solely responsible for the care and maintenance of the canine.
2. Understand the importance of the bond and mutual respect between the handler and his/her canine partner.
3. Ensure the health and well-being of his/her canine partner including but not limited to, proper vet care and nutrition needs, appropriate shelter and grooming needs, and not placing his/her canine partner in undue distress or dangerous situations.
4. Understand the importance of canine body language and be able to interpret the canine's body language that indicates the canine's general state of health (stressed, tired, alert, relaxed, anxious, etc.).
5. Be able to recognize and describe or demonstrate to another individual the canine's behavior when it encounters human remains scent.

B. CANINE REQUIREMENTS

1. A canine must be at least twelve (12) months old to be tested for wilderness human remains testing and evaluation, and at least eighteen (18) months old to be tested for disaster recovery testing and evaluation.
2. For disaster operations, a GBRT canine team will only be allowed to test and certify in disaster recovery operations (human remains detection). For disaster live testing and evaluation, canine teams must be members of a GSAR Task Force.
2. All canines shall be screened before becoming a member of the GBRT. A sample of the screening requirements shall be available upon request.
3. Once a canine passes the screening process they will be considered a member of a GBRT.
4. If a canine passes the initial screening process but it is determined by the K9 Coordinator at a later date that a dog is not suited for GBRT needs, the dog will no longer be a member of the GBRT and shall not be allowed at any GBRT events.
5. Only those dogs that are members of the GBRT will be allowed to GBRT events.
6. All breeds, except wolf-hybrids, are allowed.
7. Only flat web collars, correction collars or no collars will be allowed. Shock, prong, or pinch collars will not be allowed at any events.
8. Muzzles are only permitted for use in controlling the dog in the event the dog is injured and the muzzle is required while rendering care to the dog.
9. The canine must be in continual control by its handler or designee.
10. Aggression (toward people or other canines) will not be tolerated at any time. Aggressive canines will be required to leave the search area as outlined in the Aggression Policy.

11. Unless a trained alert at the appropriate time, if the canine barks, the handler should be able to quiet the canine immediately.
12. If the canine is not working and is in a public place, it must wear a vest to identify it as a “service” animal.
13. It is highly recommended that the canine be examined by a veterinarian prior to participating in any training and/or searches.
14. The canine shall not be mistreated or abused by anyone in any manner. This includes, but not limited to, hitting, choking, kicking, cursing or excessive loud verbal bashing, insufficient water, food and shelter, lack of basic needs (grooming, relieving itself, vaccinations, flea and tick prevention), and inappropriate use of prong/pinch or electric collars.
15. If the canine is injured or contracts an illness that requires a veterinarian’s care, the handler shall notify the K9 Coordinator. The handler shall also notify the K9 Coordinator when the canine has been cleared by the veterinarian to resume normal physical activities before it is allowed to participate in any GBRT events or missions.
16. The canine must be in excellent physical condition and have all of the required vaccinations. Verification of vaccinations may be required. The Purina Body Condition System (**ATTACHMENT E**) shall be utilized to determine the canine’s physical fitness. Canines must be rated at the 4 – 5 level to be approved for membership and testing.

C. TEMPERAMENT

All canine teams will be required to successfully complete six (6) temperament tests before testing for any other skills. Teams will be given one (1) attempt to successfully complete all six (6) temperament tests. Failure of any of these tests will automatically disqualify the team from taking any other tests.

People

1. Separation - The handler ties and leaves the canine unattended to a pole. The handler may place the canine in a stand, sit or down position. The handler proceeds to a designated area out of the canine’s sight. After a minimum of one (1) minute out of sight, a stranger unties the canine and returns the canine to the handler.
 - a. Pass: The canine remains calm throughout the test. He may sit, stand, or lie down. He shows no aggression toward the stranger.
 - b. Fail: If the canine struggles to the point of choking itself, becomes agitated, or tries to chew the rope/lead to the point of trying to escape. If he barks or cries uncontrollably. If he shows any aggression toward the stranger.
2. Stranger Control – The canine is placed in its kennel, inside the handler’s vehicle. The handler walks out of sight of the canine. A stranger approaches the vehicle, opens up the kennel, places a leash on the dog’s collar and then walks the dog, illustrating basic control over the canine for one (1) minute. The stranger shall then place the dog in its kennel inside the handler’s vehicle through voice command or placing the canine inside

the vehicle. After one (1) minute the handler may return to the canine and stranger.

- a. Pass: The canine remains calm throughout the test. He may walk, sit, stand, or lie down. He allows the stranger to remove/place/command him in and out of the handler's vehicle. He shows no aggression toward the stranger.
 - b. Fail: If the canine barks uncontrollably, becomes agitated or growls, or tries to escape from the stranger. If he shows any aggression toward the stranger.
3. Petted by a Crowd – The handler will have the canine on lead and in a stand or sit position. Three (3) strangers will come up to the canine and pet the canine at the same time for a minimum of one (1) minute.
- a. Pass: The canine remains calm throughout the test. He shows no aggression toward the strangers.
 - b. Fail: The canine tries to run away from the strangers. He lies down and becomes uncontrollably submissive. He shivers, tucks his tail, or shows uncontrollable nervousness. He shows any aggression toward any of the strangers.

Canines

1. Meet and Greet – 2 handlers and their canines approach each other from a distance of about 10 yards, stop, shake hands, and speak to one another.
 - a. Pass: The canine remains calm throughout the test. He may stand, sit, or lie down. He shows no aggression toward the strangers or other canine.
 - b. Fail: The canine refuses to approach the other team. He refuses to remain in a heel position. He shows any aggression toward the stranger or other canine.
2. Back of a Truck – A minimum of three (3) canines and handlers will load into the back of a pickup truck and be transported for a minimum of one (1) mile or five (5) minutes, whichever is longest.
 - a. Pass: The canine remains calm throughout the test. He may stand, sit, or lie down. He shows no aggression toward the strangers or other canines. He is able to jump into or be placed in the back of the truck without struggling.
 - b. Fail: The canine will not jump or allow a person to place them in the back of the truck. He shows any aggression toward the strangers or other canines. He tries to jump out of the truck during the test at any time.
3. Crowd Control – The canine will be on lead in a controlled heel position. A minimum of three (3) canines and handlers shall walk around to simulate a crowd. The canine teams shall walk around for at least one (1) minute.

- a. Pass: The canine remains calm throughout the test. He remains in a controlled heel position throughout the test. He shows no aggression toward the strangers or other canines.
- b. Fail: The canine refuses to remain in a heel position. The canine shows any aggression toward the strangers or other canines.

D. AGRESSION POLICY

1. Definition – Canine aggression is an attempted or actual unprovoked attack on another canine or person.
2. Policy
 - a. Aggressive behavior toward people shall not be considered acceptable behavior for a canine.
 - b. A canine must be able to tolerate other canines off leash, and under handler supervision, without showing aggression.
 - c. A canine must allow another person to move it to a different location in the absence of its owner. The canine must not show any aggression.
3. Repercussions
 - a. Canine attacks a person – Upon an unprovoked attack, the canine will be removed from the evaluation and will not be allowed to participate in any future events.
 - b. Canine attacks another canine
 - Short Term – At an event, the evaluator/host/manager shall immediately review the incident and determine if it is an isolated or long-term problem. If it is an isolated incident, they may choose to allow the canine to continue.
 - Long Term – If this is determined to be a standard behavior, the handler will be advised that this canine is unacceptable to the program, and will not be allowed to participate in future events.
 - Reinstatement Policy – The handler may petition GBRT to have the canine re-evaluated upon documentation that behavior modification has been successful.

E. OBEDIENCE

1. The canine must successfully complete the American Kennel Club “Canine Good Citizen” Program. Go to www.akc.org for details. Documentation of successfully completing the Canine Good Citizen requirements will be required by the canine team.
2. In addition to the Canine Good Citizen requirements, the canine team shall also demonstrate the following obedience skills. The canine team will be given three (3) attempts to successfully complete each requirement:
 - a. Come - The handler shall have the canine off lead in an open area. When the canine is at least 50 feet away from the handler, the handler shall call the canine back to the handler. The canine shall return immediately and directly to the handler.

- b. Leave It – A distraction (food, animal remains, item, etc.) will be placed in an open area. The handler shall have the canine off lead in the open area and direct/walk the canine toward the distraction. When the canine approaches within six (6) feet or less from the distraction, the handler shall command the canine to leave the distraction alone. The canine may smell the distraction, but may not pick the item up, and shall immediately leave the distraction alone once commanded by the handler.
- c. Step Over – The canine shall be placed in a sit, down or stand (on or off lead). The handler shall be at least six (6) feet away. A stranger shall walk around the canine and handler one time and then step over the dog. The dog shall show no aggression toward the stranger.

F. AGILITY

For wilderness operations, the canine team shall be able to perform agility skills commonly encountered in an incident. These include, but are not limited to walking up/down stairs, loading in and out of vehicles, negotiating over obstacles and crossing over waterways, etc. For disaster operations, please refer to Disaster Search Skills section below.

G. SEARCH SKILLS

Parameters

1. GBRT canine teams must successfully pass the wilderness HRD/cadaver search test prior to testing for the disaster recovery search test.
2. Any canine team that desires to participate in disaster recovery work must successfully complete the disaster recovery evaluation prior to being deployed to a disaster event.
3. Two (2) approved evaluators shall be utilized to test canine teams for wilderness and/or disaster tests.
4. The handler shall explain the canine's trained alert to human remains scent to the evaluator.
5. The canine team will not know where the scent sources are located prior to the test.
6. The scent sources shall be placed at least thirty (30) minutes prior to the canine team beginning the test.
7. The canine shall locate the scent source and once it locates the scent source it should perform its trained alert. If the canine enters the scent source, does not respond and leaves the scent source, it shall constitute a failure. If the dog is working the scent pool to locate the source, and then performs its trained alert, it shall constitute a passing grade.
8. The handler will be evaluated in two areas: (a) Did the handler effectively and thoroughly search the areas; and (b) Did the handler demonstrate an ability to read the canine and interpret the canine's body language and alert?

9. The canine will be evaluated in two areas: (a) Did the canine demonstrate an effective, thorough and intensive interest in working the search area; and (b) Did the canine demonstrate an alert that was obvious, confident and consistent with the alert explained by the handler?
10. The handler may provide a reward (verbal praise, physical praise, toy item or dog treats) to the dog during the tests.
11. There will be a total of seven (7) separate tests. These include scent sources which are covered, buried, exposed, hidden and elevated. One of the tests shall test the canine's response to animal remains distractions and one area shall test the dog in a blank area (where no sources are placed)
12. The total time limit shall be two (2) hours to complete all six (6) tests. The maximum time the canine team shall search one area is 30 minutes.
13. No pseudo scent sources will be used for any of the tests. The scent sources shall be "human remains" aids which includes bone, flesh and/or tissue.
14. If the canine performs its trained alert on an animal's remains, it shall constitute a failure.
15. The scent sources shall include more than 15 grams and less than 15 grams. The scent sources shall also be less than 30 days old and more than 3 months old. Scent sources may include, but are not limited to, human remains, items/articles scented with human remains scent, human bones, placenta, etc.

Wilderness Search Skills

1. Covered – One (1) aid will be covered with dirt, leaves, brush, or debris (concrete, lumber, branches, etc). The search area shall be approximately 50 X 50 yards in size.
2. Buried – One (1) aid will be buried approximately 6 to 12 inches. One or two false holes shall be made no closer than 20 feet from the scent source. The search area shall be approximately 50 X 50 yards in size. The search area shall be in a wooded area to simulate clandestine grave/remains hidden in a wooded area.
3. Exposed – Five (5) to seven (7) human bones shall be placed above ground and placed within a 30 foot radius in the search area. The canine team is required to locate at least one bone in order to identify the area where the bones are located. The search area shall be approximately 50 X 50 yards in size. The search area shall be in a wooded area or field to simulate disarticulated human remains scattered by animals or environmental conditions.
4. Hidden – One (1) aid will be hidden inside a container. There will be at least three separate containers in the search area. The containers may include boxes, vehicles, debris piles, or other containers commonly found in an incident. The search area will be approximately 50 X 50 yards in size.

5. Elevated – One (1) aid will be elevated approximately 4 to 6 feet above ground. The search area will be approximately 50 X 50 yards in size.
6. Blank - An area approximately 50 X 50 yards in size shall be set up as a “blank” area. This area shall contain no sources, including animal remains distractions, or human remains scent. The blank area shall not be the first or last search area during the evaluation. The handler shall not know which area is blank.
7. Animal Remains Distraction – Animals remains distraction shall be placed in one of the scent source testing areas.

Disaster Search Skills

1. The State of Georgia will utilize the National Urban Search and Rescue Response System, Canine Search Specialist Program for the testing and evaluation of canine teams for urban disaster search, rescue, and recovery. Canine teams that would like to be deployed to an urban incident (live or recovery response) will be required to meet the elements addressed in this program, or equivalent program.
2. Regardless of which program the canine team uses for evaluation testing, they must also meet any additional requirements outlined in these standards to ensure they meet Georgia laws and regulations (i.e., SAR Dog License).
3. Canine teams that have successfully completed the evaluation testing shall be placed on a roster identifying them as a certified disaster canine team.
4. The disaster briefing information for canine teams is outlined in **ATTACHMENT C**. And information on marking structures in disaster events is outlined in **ATTACHMENT D**.
5. Georgia’s disaster program shall meet and/or exceed the National Urban Search and Rescue Response System. Specifically, Georgia’s disaster canine training, testing, and evaluation program will mirror the State Urban Search and Rescue Alliance (SUSAR) as well as adhere to any Georgia laws and regulations as outlined in these standards.

IX. TESTING AND EVALUATION

A. MEMBER TESTING PARAMETERS

1. Wilderness evaluation testing shall be valid for one (1) year and disaster evaluation testing shall be valid for two (2) years.
2. Only those canine teams that are authorized members in good standing with the GBRT shall be allowed to participate in testing and evaluation.
3. Evaluations for canine teams shall remain valid so long as they are members of the GBRT. Once a canine team leaves the GBRT, regardless of reason, their evaluation shall be null and void on the date the canine team leaves the GBRT.

4. For wilderness and disaster recovery testing, the canine team must be members of the GBRT. For disaster live testing the canine team must be members of a GSAR TF.
5. Canine teams must complete all required documentation and receive authorized written approval by the K9 Program Manager and their K9 Coordinator prior to testing.

B. EVALUATOR PARAMETERS

1. Any individuals that are utilized as an evaluator for any State of Georgia disaster canine teams shall adhere to the requirements and parameters of the National Urban Search and Rescue Response System, Canine Search Specialist Program.
2. A list of authorized evaluators shall be maintained by the K9 Program Manager and K9 Coordinators.
3. A minimum of two (2) evaluators shall be utilized for the testing and evaluation of canine teams.
4. K9 Coordinators may conduct a Wilderness Skills pre-test or a Fundamental Skills Assessment pre-test to ensure a canine team is ready for the Readiness Evaluation Process. However, K9 Coordinators shall not be allowed to evaluate any canine teams from their respective canine unit for evaluation.

VII. RECERTIFICATION

- A. Reevaluation will be required on an annual basis for wilderness canine teams and two (2) years for disaster canine teams.
- B. Handlers are responsible for maintaining their evaluation and contacting the evaluating agency to request reevaluation.
- C. If a canine team does not recertify within 90 days of their due date (3 months prior and 3 months after the due date; 6-month window), they shall submit a written explanation by their reevaluation date. An explanation shall include the intentions for the future and the canine team's plan to rectify the situation. Failure to comply with the above will result in the team being automatically dropped from the roster.

VIII. DISQUALIFICATION CRITERIA

- A. Any false information or statements provided in the canine application will automatically disqualify prospective canine teams.
- B. Any felony charges or convictions will automatically disqualify prospective and certified canine teams.
- C. Once certified, if the team does not maintain a minimum of 16 hours or more of training per month the canine team may be disqualified.
- D. Canine teams must abide by applicable rules and regulations, including confidentiality and nondisclosure agreements.
- E. Handlers must abide by applicable Code of Ethics.

- F. Violation of (delete word the) any laws, rules and regulations or Code of Ethics may result in loss of evaluation, license, loss of membership status, and/or referral to appropriate authorities.

IX. QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS

Questions or comments, please contact the following:

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ATTACHMENT A **WILDERNESS EQUIPMENT LIST**

Clothing and Equipment **Worn** in the Field

- Heavy duty long pants (blue jeans and shorts should not be worn)
- Shirt as required for weather (long sleeve is recommended)
- Long underwear of wicking material (if weather requires it)
- Team uniform and/or brightly colored vest (reflective material is recommended)
- Two pairs of wicking socks (cotton socks should not be worn)
- Radio for team to communicate with Command Post (may be provided by requesting agency)
- Heavy duty gloves (leather is recommended)
- Heavy duty hiking/mountaineering boots with lug soles are recommended (tennis shoes, sandals, cowboy boots and smooth bottom footwear should not be worn)
- Personal I.D. tag (name, agency, doctor's name and phone #, health insurance name, emergency contact name and phone #, allergies, pertinent medical information, canine's name and vet information)
- Suggested additional gear worn in the field:
 - Hat and/or Helmet
 - Eye Protection
 - Bandana

Equipment **Carried** in the Field (other than first aid supplies) Except for searches that will not last of 8 hrs.

- 1 backpack large enough to carry required equipment
- 1 extra pair of heavy duty long pants
- 1 extra shirt as required for weather (long sleeve is recommended)
- 1 extra set of long underwear of wicking material
- 2 extra pairs of wicking socks
- 1 waterproof jacket or parka with hood
- 1 waterproof rain pants
- 2 quarts of water
- 1 pocket knife or multi-use tool
- 1 whistle
- 1 watch
- 1 measuring device (18 inches minimum)
- 1 compass (orienteeing type)
- 2 flashlights or headlamp (with alkaline batteries)
- 4 alkaline batteries (extra)
- 1 spare bulb for flashlight/headlamp
- 1 nylon twine or small rope (50 feet)
- 10 matches in a waterproof container
- 8 wire/plastic ties, self-locking
- 1 storm shelter (space blanket or lightweight tarp or tube tent)
- 1 note book
- 2 pens, pencils or markers

- 2 large sized leaf bags (color white is recommended)
- 4 Ziplock bags (various sizes; 1 gallon size is recommended)
- 1 signal mirror
- 1 six foot canine lead (canine handlers)
- 1 days' worth of dog food (canine handlers)
- 1 roll of flagging tape (surveyor's tape is recommended)
- 1 container of sunscreen
- 1 metal cup or pot
- 1 candle
- 2 quick-energy candy bars and/or 2 bags of trail mix
- 1 change for two phone calls (50 cents or more)
- 1 roll of duct tape (minimum 10 feet)
- 4 safety pins (large size)

Suggested additional equipment:

- Insect repellent and wet wipes
- Lip balm
- Toilet paper
- 12-hour night stick
- 1 day of food
- Quick fire starting squares
- 1 tracking/walking stick
- 1 GPS

First-aid Supplies **Carried** in the Field

- Extra prescription drugs you are currently taking
- 10 acetaminophen, ibuprofen or aspirin tablets
- 4 antacid tablets
- 10 antihistamine, 25mg (Benadryl)
- 6 antiseptic or alcohol cleansing pads
- 4 cotton balls/swabs, non-sterile
- 1 tube of antiseptic ointment
- 1 square of moleskin
- 1 pair of tweezers or splinter forceps
- 8 Band-Aids, various sizes
- 4 sterile dressings (4x4 gauze pads)
- 2 rolls of gauze bandage
- 2 rolls of 2 inch "vet" wrap (canine handlers)
- 1 roll of medical tape
- 1 bottle of eye wash (normal saline)
- 10 Imodium tablets or equivalent
- 6 iodine-type water purification tablets
- 1 pair of dishwashing gloves (latex gloves are not recommended)
- 1 muzzle or other item to improvise one (canine handlers)
- 1 pair of scissors, multi-purpose

Suggested Additional Items:

- Cough drops
- Sinus/cold relief tablets

- Anti-itch/stop itch reliever

ATTACHMENT B **DISASTER EQUIPMENT LIST**

Clothing

- Ball Cap
- BDU Shirt
- Sweatshirt
- T-shirts
- BDU Pants
- Rescue Belt
- Rain Gear
- Poncho
- Boots (steel toed)
- Thermal Underwear (top and bottom)
- Balaclava
- Helmet Liner
- 0° Boots

Personal Protection Equipment

- Helmet with Light
- Safety Glasses
- Ear Plugs
- Gloves
- Knee Pads
- Elbow Pads
- Goggles
- Survival Blanket

Respiratory Gear

- North Half-Face Respirator
- North Respirator Filters
- North HEPA Filters
- Dust Masks

Search Equipment

- Search Pack
- Emergency Whistle
- Flashlight
- Pen Light
- Light Sticks (4)
- Brief Relief (2 pack)
- Water
- Multi-tool
- Radio Harness
- Radio
- Marking Tape

First Aid Items

- Sun Block
- Insect Repellent
- Rubber Gloves
- Hand Sanitizer
- Lip Balm
- Eye wash

Canine Items

- Collar
- Leash (4 to 6 feet)
- Search Vest
- Reward Toy
- Dog Food / Snacks
- Kennel appropriate for dog
- Water (1 gallon for each dog)
- Bowls
- Canine basic first aid supplies

Miscellaneous

- MRE's
- Food/Snacks
- US&R FOG Manual
- Towels
- Other gear desired or needed for mission

ATTACHMENT C
DISASTER BRIEFING INFORMATION

Scene safety interview may include the following:

- What time did the structure collapse?
- What type of occupancy was the structure (school, office, apartment bldg., *etc.*)?
- Was there a fire in this structure and if so is the surface hot or cold?
- What is the number of suspected missing persons?
- Have missing persons or human remains been located and/or removed? If so, are these locations marked?
- Are there any animals (including dogs, cats, reptiles, large animals, domestic and exotic) inside the collapsed building or in the vicinity of the search area?
- Has this structure been searched before?
- Has a structural engineer checked the building?
 - > What were the findings?
 - > Is it safe to enter?
 - > Are blueprints available?
- Has HazMat checked the building?
 - > What were the findings?
- Have the utilities been secured? How and by whom?
 - > Gas
 - > Electric
 - > Water
- Is Heavy Rescue available?
- Is Medical available?
- Is there a veterinarian available?

ATTACHMENT D DISASTER MARKING STRUCTURES

Structure / Hazards Mark

- Struct & Hazmat Spec make a 2' x 2' box on building adjacent to accessible entry.
- Done after doing Hazards Assessment and filling out Structure / Hazards Evaluation.
- Box is spray painted with using International Orange

Structure / Hazards Mark

- "L" – Stands for the number of live persons found.
- "D" – Stands for the number of deceased persons found.
- "HR" – Stands for the number of "body parts" found (ex: hands, feet, arm, etc).

Structure / Hazards Mark



- Structure relatively safe for S&R ops. There is little chance of further Collapse.
 - Victims could be trapped by contents
 - or could be unconscious

Structure / Hazards Mark



- Structure is Significantly Damaged. Some areas may be relatively safe, but others may need shoring, bracing, removal, and/or monitoring of hazards
 - Building could be completely pancaked

Structure / Hazards Mark



- Structure is NOT SAFE for Rescue Ops and may be subject to Sudden Collapse.
- Remote search Ops may proceed at significant risk.
- If rescue Ops are undertaken, Safe Haven areas, & rapid evacuation routes (with Structure Monitoring) Should be Created.

Structure / Hazards Mark



- Arrow next to Marking Box indicates the direction of Safest Entry to Structure

Structure / Hazards Mark



- HM indicates hazardous material condition in or adjacent to structure.
- S&R Ops normally will not be allowed until condition is better defined or eliminated.

Structure / Hazards Mark Summary

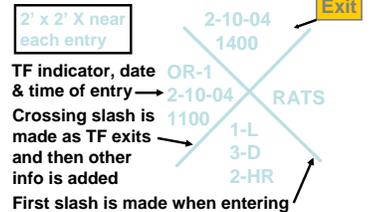


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HM NATURAL GAS
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No entry until gas is turned off. When it's mitigated, should line out the HM mark and record new date and TF

Search Assessment Mark

2' x 2' X near each entry



TF indicator, date & time of entry →
Crossing slash is made as TF exits and then other info is added
First slash is made when entering

Always Go Right and Stay Right

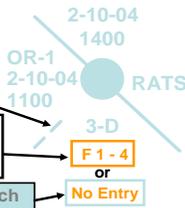
Search Assessment Mark

Modified Mark for Incomplete Search

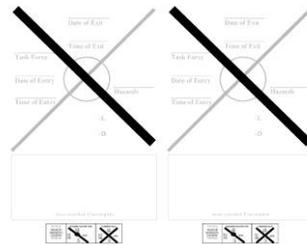
If TF exits w/o completing search, crossing slash is not made, but filled circle is added

Indicates Floors or Quadrants Completed
F = Floors Q = Quads

If Only an Exterior Search is done as in Hurricanes

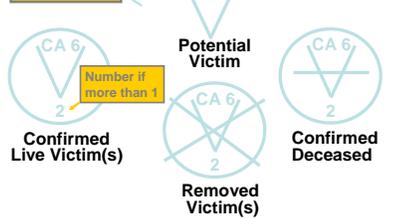


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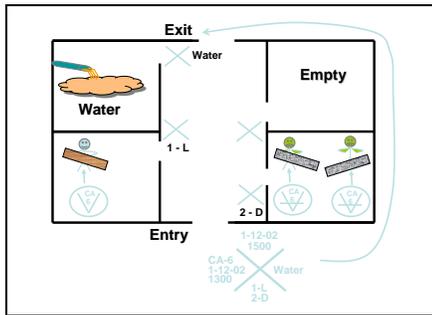
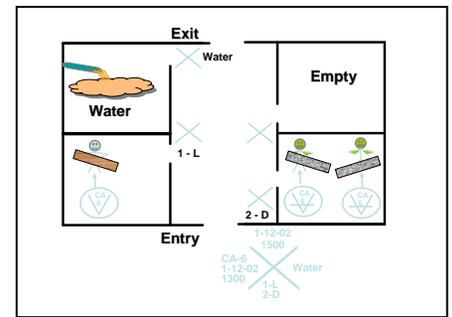
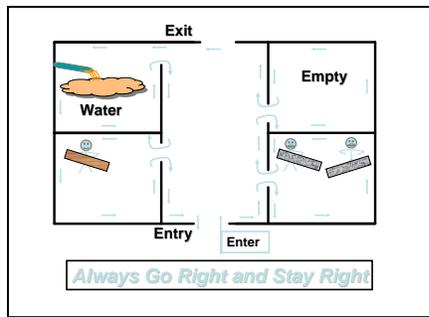
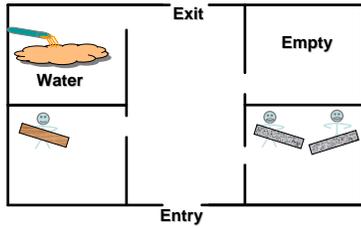


Victim Location Marking

Distance to Victim, if Req'd



Search Assessment & Victim Marking
Example



Disaster Site Audio Signal/Alerting

(Use Air horn or / Loud Whistle)

- **Cease Operations/All Quiet**
–1 long blast = STOP
- **Evacuate the Area**
–3 short blasts = OUT, OUT, OUT
- **Resume Operations**
–1 long & 1 short blast = Oh. K.



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BODY CONDITION SYSTEM

- TOO THIN**
- 1** Ribs, lumbar vertebrae, pelvic bones and all bony prominences evident from a distance. No discernible body fat. Obvious loss of muscle mass.
 - 2** Ribs, lumbar vertebrae and pelvic bones easily visible. No palpable fat. Some evidence of other bony prominence. Minimal loss of muscle mass.
 - 3** Ribs easily palpated and may be visible with no palpable fat. Tops of lumbar vertebrae visible. Pelvic bones becoming prominent. Obvious waist and abdominal tuck.



- IDEAL**
- 4** Ribs easily palpable, with minimal fat covering. Waist easily noted, viewed from above. Abdominal tuck evident.
 - 5** Ribs palpable without excess fat covering. Waist observed behind ribs when viewed from above. Abdomen tucked up when viewed from side.



- TOO HEAVY**
- 6** Ribs palpable with slight excess fat covering. Waist is discernible viewed from above but is not prominent. Abdominal tuck apparent.
 - 7** Ribs palpable with difficulty; heavy fat cover. Noticeable fat deposits over lumbar area and base of tail. Waist absent or barely visible. Abdominal tuck may be present.
 - 8** Ribs not palpable under very heavy fat cover, or palpable only with significant pressure. Heavy fat deposits over lumbar area and base of tail. Waist absent. No abdominal tuck. Obvious abdominal distention may be present.



- 9** Massive fat deposits over thorax, spine and base of tail. Waist and abdominal tuck absent. Fat deposits on neck and limbs. Obvious abdominal distention.



The **BODY CONDITION SYSTEM** was developed at the Nestlé Purina Pet Care Center and has been validated as documented in the following publications:

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DATE: _____

**K9 TEAM EVALUATION
GEORGIA BODY RECOVERY TEAM**

Handler Name		Canine Name	
Breed			
Testing Location			
Evaluator(s)			
#1 Evaluator Signature		#2 Evaluator Signature	

TEMPERAMENT			
1. Crowd Control	(3 teams – mingle in crowd – 1 minute)	Pass	Fail
2. Meet and Greet	(2 teams – 10 yards – shake hands)	Pass	Fail
3. Back of Truck	(3 teams – 1 mile or 5 minutes)	Pass	Fail
4. Petted by Crowd	(3 strangers – petted – 1 minute)	Pass	Fail
5. Stranger Control	(dog in kennel – walked around – placed back kennel)	Pass	Fail
6. Separation	(dog to a pole – 1 minute – stranger retrieves dog)	Pass	Fail
OBEDIENCE			
Is dog certified as a Canine Good Citizen?		Yes	No
Is dog licensed by GEMA?		Yes	No
1. Come	(off lead – 50 feet – return to handler)	Pass	Fail
2. Leave It	(food, etc – 6 feet – leave it alone)	Pass	Fail
3. Step Over	(handler 6 feet away – stranger step over)	Pass	Fail
4. Pick Up	(handler picks up dog and walks 6 feet)	Pass	Fail
SEARCH SKILLS			
Handler effectively and thoroughly searched the area		Yes	No
Handler could interpret the dog's body language and alert		Yes	No
Dog was effective, thorough and intensive in working the area		Yes	No
Dog demonstrated an alert that was obvious and consistent		Yes	No
1. Covered	(aid covered with leaves, brush and/or debris)	Pass	Fail
2. Buried	(aid buried approximately 6 to 12 inches deep)	Pass	Fail
3. Exposed	(5-7 bones on top of ground)	Pass	Fail
4. Hidden	(aid hidden in a container – 3 containers)	Pass	Fail
5. Elevated	(aid elevated 4-6 feet above the ground)	Pass	Fail
6. Animal Remains	(animal remains placed in one of the above areas)	Pass	Fail
7. Blank Area	(area contains no sources / dog does not false alert)	Pass	Fail
***All Issued Gear and Bag		Yes	No
Overall		Pass	Fail
Comments:			

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