Homeland Security

Federal Emergency Management Agency

CANINE SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM – WILDERNESS AIR SCENT

DESCRIPTION			
RESOURCE CATEGORY	Search and Rescue	**RESOURCE KIND**	Team
OVERALL FUNCTION		**COMPOSITION AND ORDERING SPECIFICATIONS**	

RESOURCE TYPES			TYPE 1	TYPE 2	TYPE 3	TYPE 4
COMPONENT	**METRIC/ MEASURE**	**CAPABILITY**				
Single Resource	Search Capabilities		Capable of search and selfsustaining for 72 hours in all weather and low angle wilderness terrain or larger areas of 60+ acres Capable of searching and self-sustaining for 72 hours in all weather and low angle wilderness terrain or larger areas of 120+ acres	Capable of searching and self-sustaining for 48 hours in all weather and low angle wilderness terrain or larger areas of 60+ acres Capable of searching and self-sustaining for 48 hours in all weather and low angle wilderness terrain or larger areas of 120+ acres	Capable of searching high probability local wilderness terrain for short durations (24 hours or less) or small areas 40-60 acres Capable of searching high probability local wilderness terrain for short durations (24 hours or less) or small areas of 60-120 acres	Capable of searching high probability local wilderness terrain for short durations (12 hours or less) or small areas 40-60 acre Capable of searching high probability local wilderness terrain for short durations (12 hours or less) or small areas of 40-60 acres
			NOTES: Not Specified			

RESOURCE TYPES			TYPE 5	TYPE 6	TYPE 7	TYPE 8
COMPONENT	METRIC/ MEASURE	CAPABILITY				
Single Resource	Search Capabilities		Human discriminating (scent source necessary) Non-discriminating (locate all human indication in area)			
NOTES: Not Specified						

COMMENTS

1. There are significant differences in the training required for urban versus wilderness environments, both in air scent/area and trailing/tracking. Because of the vast differences, often a resource highly skilled in one environment may not function as well in the other environment because of a lack of continuous training in the environment. Teams may be cross-trained in both environments, depending on the team training criteria.
2. Note: Many of these resources are capable of searching in a disaster environment, such as a wilderness team in outlying areas of a tornado zone, etc. It is critical that canine management personnel, knowledgeable in multiuse of canine resources, are available to Incident Command. This will not necessarily be reflected in this document.

NOTE

Nationally typed resources represent the minimum criteria for the associated component and capability.