



TASK BOOK- MOVING WATER AND STILL WATER HUMAN REMAINS DETECTION CERTIFICATION

The water HRD Task Book will be provided to applicants at the beginning of the education/certification clinic. Each task must be demonstrated, acknowledged and documented by a SARDUS evaluator to receive certification.

A prospective Water Human Remains Canine Detection Team must demonstrate the following:

- Must have previous certification in HRD, Area Search or Trailing.
- Canine does not display uncontrolled aggression toward people or other canines.
- Canine is under the control of Handler at all times.
- Follow safe operational procedures during search.
- Prepared to search for 24-hour operational period.
- Written plan with equipment list outlining how team is self-sustained for 2 operational periods (24 hours). Must have PFD, helmet, throw bag and harness with handle for canine in still water search.
- Appropriate interview of witness or briefing with Incident Command.
- Ability to formulate and articulate an appropriate search strategy. Ability to analyze how water will affect scent: water flow rate, temperature, depth, wind conditions, heating, stream dynamics, inlet and outlets for bodies of water.
- Ability to recognize hazards to canine, handler and boat operator.
- Ability to execute appropriate search strategy.
- Must be able to clearly communicate with boat operator to execute search strategy.
- Will work effectively despite distractions (other people, noise, lights, critters and other interesting scents.)
- Ability to distinguish scent source from other human, animal, and food scent.
- Can locate, in a practice setting a diver in still water.



- Ability to locate human remains within the area a diver could search for shoreline and moving water search and within an area a boat utilizing side-sonar could located in still water for boat search.
- The Handler must recognize the canine’s indication for human remains scent among distracting scents.
- Appropriate debriefing to Incident Command, including ability to triangulate areas using GPS and physical landmarks on shore.
- Training and equipment for biohazard environment-OSHA guidelines, scene preservation, documentation, collection, chain of custody and scene security.
- First aid for dog and human
- Personal/dog safety
- Radio communications
- Team must pass SARDUS Water (moving or still water) HRD test.