



TASK BOOK-TYPE I, II, III, IV TRAILING CERTIFICATION

The Type I, II, III, IV Trailing 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 Trailing Canine Search Team must demonstrate the following:

- Canine does not display uncontrolled aggression toward people or other canines.
- Safe operational procedures during search.
- Preparation to search for 12-hour operational period.
- Written plan with equipment list outlining how team is self-sustained for 2 operational periods (24 hours).
- Appropriate interview of witness or briefing with Incident Command.
- Ability to formulate and articulate an appropriate search strategy.
- Describe the alert the canine will provide when locating subject.
- Ability to execute appropriate search strategy.
- Ability to determine the direction of travel and articulate to evaluator
- Ability to work through a scent pool
- Ability to follow scent through environment to an unfamiliar subject
- Ability to follow scent in area contaminated with other human and animal scent
- Ability to perform in environment type that the dog team will be typically ask to work (wilderness, suburban/rural, urban)
- Works effectively despite distractions (other people, noise, lights, critters and other interesting scents.)
- Handler supports dog



- Handler demonstrates proper navigation skills, giving proper updates to IC with location and areas searched.
- Appropriate debriefing to Incident Command.
- Personally equipped for 24 hours dog/handler
- First aid for human/canine
- Radio communications
- Proper collection of scent article
- Team must pass SARDUS Trailing Test.