



## AUXILIARY AREA SEARCH/LARGE QUANTITY HRD CERTIFICATION

**Test:** Area Search/Large quantity HRD Certification

**Search Capabilities:** Auxiliary certification for current Area Search or HRD certified teams. Capable of locating large amounts of human remains during a wilderness area search. Capable of self-sustaining for 24 hours and 12 hour search operations.

**Task Book** No additional Task Book requirements.

### TESTING STANDARD

#### AUXILIARY AREA SEARCH/LARGE QUANTITY HRD-

Capable of locating sizable quantities of HRD material during an area search. Capable of self-sustaining for 24 hours.

- Search area is approximately 5 acres of terrain where dog will be asked to work.
- One or a composite of multiple scent sources will be located in a single location in the search area.
- Search must be completed in 45 minutes.
- Scent sources may be on surface or placed above surface in each area.
- Scent source must be located to pass.
- Minimum sources amount is total accumulative sources from a Type III/Type IV evaluation



## GUIDELINES FOR THE EVALUATION:

- This test is an auxiliary test for teams currently certified in HRD or Area Search. Its purpose is to demonstrate the ability of an HRD team to search a larger area as well as locate a large quantity of human remains and for an area search team to locate human remains.
- A five acre wilderness area will be used for testing purposes. The area will contain the scent source as well as distracting scent sources and/or dry holes. Testing material will be human in origin and based upon availability, of a quantity/type mutually agreed upon by the evaluators. Evaluators retain the right to repack the material for testing purposes as needed.
- Material must be obtained and stored in a manner that is consistent with local, State and Federal laws and regulations and handled in a safe and appropriate manner.
- Quantity of scent sources must be at minimum the total quantity used for a HRD test. Our goal is to mimic a body or partial body search that is in the process of decomposition. The exact quantity of material is up to the evaluators and is dependent on what is available at the time, however a good rule of measure would be a human able to smell the material from a short distance.
- The handler will be given a scenario, and a map of the search area. He/she must describe to the evaluators how the area will be searched based on terrain, wind direction, detectability and any other pertinent factors.
- All scent sources shall be concealed and inaccessible to the canine.
- The evaluators will place the scent sources at least thirty minutes before the test and sketch a map of its location as well as where scent flows from source.
- There will be distracting scent sources within the testing area. No cadaver scent source will knowingly be placed under animal remains by the evaluators.
- Scent sources will be placed above ground (not buried into the ground) and above surface. Above surface scent sources must be located less than four (4) feet above surface. Sources should be hidden from casual observation by concealing the material under vegetation or other types of camouflage.
- The test area should contain two (2) "distracting scents."
- The scent source(s) should be composed of tissue, bone (bone in the quantity of >100 grams or 4 ounces) or significant samples of body fluids (not teeth or hair). Sources from multiple individuals can be used.
- Location of scent source will be unknown to handler.
- Care must be taken to not contaminate the test area by inadvertently introducing human remains material on equipment, tools, or personnel.



- Destruction of anything considered evidence results in a failure of the test and dog must not consume the scent sources/containers or excessively “mark” during the HRD exam.
- Care should be taken to avoid having the Handler observe the HRD material before the dog has a chance to locate the source. Should the Handler observe the source material before the dog locates the source, the Handler must indicate the visual find immediately. The evaluator will direct the team to proceed in a manner that puts the dog team in a position to make a find. During this time the Handler may not in any way support their dog in making the find by directing the dog, eliciting any type of alert behavior, or influencing the final response. It is up to the discretion of the evaluator to count this scenario as a find.
- Handler will maintain control of the dog and dog must be able to work through distractions.
- The Handler must describe to the evaluators how the dog will alert when it detects human remains source. During the actual search, each time the handler observes the dog alerting he/she must clearly inform the evaluators.
- During the evaluation the dog must make a clear, unassisted find and re-find (or other alert sequence or final response).
- The dog must approach the HRD material and show no aversion.
- At the end of the search the Handler will debrief the evaluators and will indicate areas searched on the map, areas not searched, wind characteristics, alerts, clues located, estimated Probability of Detection (P.O.D.) for the area a searched and any other pertinent information.

## WILDERNESS SITE

- Area typical of where team may be searching in forested areas, fields, meadows, brush, farmland and etc. The boundaries shall be clearly marked and articulated to the handler.

## DISTRACTING SCENTS:

Any object that has not knowingly been in contact with human tissue or fluid, which shall be mutually agreed upon by the evaluators.

## EVALUATORS:

Two (2) SARDUS certified evaluators.

## RECERTIFICATION:

Every two years, recertification test is retake of full test. Only one evaluator necessary.



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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Handler: _____	Name of Canine: _____
Team: _____	Location: _____
Evaluator (print): _____	Evaluator (signature): _____
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Site description (veg. type/Typography etc.): _____	Site Size (acres): _____ Temp: _____ Wind: _____ Humidity: _____
Duration of self-sustained searching: _____	Original certification: Area Search HRD
Description of scent source: _____	Description of final alert: _____
Time start: _____ Time end: _____	Pos. Neg. Comments
Ground Rules:	
No abuse of canine	
No aggressive behavior to humans or other canines by canine	
Canine under control at all times	
	Source Comments
	Pos. Neg.
Canine indicates on source with articulated response	
Handler locates source	
Additional Skills:	
Ability to formulate and articulate an appropriate search strategy	<input type="checkbox"/>
Appropriate interview of witness or briefing with Incident Command	<input type="checkbox"/>
Handler demonstrates proper navigation skills	<input type="checkbox"/>
Appropriate debriefing to Incident Command	<input type="checkbox"/>
Provides accurate map of search area/P.O.D. / holes/location of source	<input type="checkbox"/>
Canine approached source without aversion	<input type="checkbox"/>
Appropriate Crime Scene protocol was used	<input type="checkbox"/>