



## TASK BOOK- AIRSCENT CERTIFICATION

The Airscent 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 Airscent Canine Search Team must demonstrate the following:

- Canine does not display uncontrolled aggression toward people or other canines.
- Canine is under the control of Handler at all times.
- Safe operational procedures during search.
- Preparation to search for 72-hour (Type I), 48-hour (Type II), 24-hour (Type III) operational period.
- Type I: Prior to taking test team must have already be classified and officially Typed member of a Type I Wilderness Search and Rescue Team, as defined by NIMS, capable of self-sustained operations for 72 hours. SARDUS does not certify the ability of a team to be self-sustained for any amount of time; this designation must come from another official organization that is recognized by the search authority with official documentation and presented prior to the test for authentication.
- Written plan with equipment list outlining how team is self-sustained for appropriate Typing operational period.
- Show pack/equipment for appropriate Typing operational period.
- 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 airscent subject in varying terrain and weather conditions.
- Canine presents the articulated alert without prompting and Handler properly recognizes the alert.
- Canine leads handler to subject



- Canine continues to work to search for multiple suspects
- Team can cover 120 acres of appropriate terrain
- Team can cover 30 acres at night
- Handler supports dog
- Handler demonstrates proper navigation skills, giving proper updates to IC with location and areas searched.
- Appropriate debriefing to Incident Command
- Team must pass SARDUS Airscent Test.

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