



TASK BOOK-HUMAN REMAINS DETECTION CERTIFICATION

The 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 Human Remains Canine Detection 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.
- Follow safe operational procedures during search.
- Prepared 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.
- Ability to execute appropriate 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 multiple scent sources.
- Ability to pinpoint and determine location of human remains with an indication in area search.
- Ability to pinpoint and determine location of human remains with an indication in a debris field.
- The Handler must recognize the canine's indication for human remains scent among distracting scents.
- Appropriate debriefing to Incident Command



- 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 HRD test.