



North Carolina Police Dog Performance Standard

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OBJECTIVES

1. TO ENSURE THAT POLICE DOG TEAMS IN THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA ARE PROPERLY TRAINED IN ORDER TO PROTECT LIVES AND PROPERTY OF THE CITIZENS OF THE STATE.
2. TO PROVIDE A STANDARD WHICH ALL TRAINED POLICE DOGS MUST MAINTAIN IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTIES.
3. TO ENSURE THAT THE HANDLERS IN THE STATE HAVE ADEQUATE KNOWLEDGE OF THE LAWS REGARDING THE USE OF CANINES.
4. TO PREVENT MALICIOUS USE OF PARTIALLY UNTRAINED POLICE DOGS WITHIN LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN THE STATE.
5. TO PROVIDE A CERTIFICATION ON A TIMELY BASIS IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THE INTEGRITY AND CREDIBILITY OF POLICE DOG TEAMS.

TYPES OF CERTIFICATIONS

ALL POLICE DOGS MUST BE CERTIFIED IN THE SPECIFIC AREAS IN WHICH THEY ARE TRAINED. THE FOLLOWING CERTIFICATIONS WILL BE GIVEN AND MAINTAINED BY THE N.C.P.D.A.:

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TRACKING / TRAILING CERTIFICATION

THESE CERTIFICATIONS OF THE POLICE DOGS ARE ON A PASS/FAIL BASIS. NO POINTS WILL BE AWARDED AND COMPETITION/AWARDS WILL BE PROHIBITED. THE CERTIFICATION WILL BE BASED ON THE ABILITY TO PERFORM THE TASKS SET FORTH BY THE PROCEDURES ADOPTED BY THE N.C.P.D.A. ALL CERTIFICATIONS SHALL BE CONDUCTED BY THE CANINE AND HIS CURRENT HANDLER. THE CERTIFICATION SHALL BE VALID FOR ONE YEAR, AND RE-CERTIFICATION WILL BE GIVEN ON A TIMELY BASIS.

FAILURE TO MEET STANDARDS

POLICE DOG TEAMS THAT FAIL TO MEET THE STANDARDS OF CERTIFICATION MAY BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO RE-TEST IN THE AREA OF STANDARD IT DID NOT ACHIEVE. THE RE-TEST WILL BE GIVEN AT THE END OF THAT CERTIFICATION PERIOD IF TIME PERMITS, OR WITHIN THIRTY DAYS OF FAILURE. FAILURE TO ACHIEVE THE STANDARD ON THE RE-TEST SHALL RESULT IN A RECOMMENDATION BY THE N.C.P.D.A. TO REMOVE THE TEAM FROM ACTUAL DEPLOYMENT OF THAT PARTICULAR UTILIZATION UNTIL CERTIFICATION CAN BE OBTAINED. THERE WILL BE ONE OPPORTUNITY TO RE-TEST.

CERTIFICATION SITES

THE CERTIFICATION SITES WILL BE CONDUCTED IN DIFFERENT AREAS OF THE STATE. THE HOST AGENCY MUST BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING THE NECESSARY AREAS, EQUIPMENT, AND PERSONNEL IN WHICH THE CERTIFICATION WILL TAKE PLACE. THE HOST WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS THAT MUST BE MET DUE TO THE CERTIFICATIONS.

CERTIFICATION EVALUATORS

EACH CERTIFICATION MUST HAVE TWO EVALUATORS. THE EVALUATORS WILL BE APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD. THEY WILL BE DETERMINED BY EXPERIENCE, KNOWLEDGE, AND BACKGROUND. EVALUATORS MAY NOT PARTICIPATE IN A CERTIFICATION OF A POLICE DOG THAT HE OR SHE ORIGINALLY TRAINED. THE EVALUATORS WILL CRITIQUE THE HANDLER VERBALLY FOLLOWING EACH EXERCISE, AND WILL FORWARD THEIR WRITTEN RESULTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE N.C.P.D.A. THERE WILL BE AN ALTERNATE EVALUATOR AVAILABLE AT EACH CERTIFICATION. OUT-OF-STATE EVALUATORS ARE ACCEPTABLE WITH BOARD AND MEMBERSHIP APPROVAL.

RECORDS OF CERTIFICATION

THE N.C.P.D.A. SECRETARY WILL IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MAINTAINING RECORDS OF THE CERTIFICATION FOR EACH POLICE DOG TEAM THAT PARTICIPATES.

CERTIFICATION FEES

A FORTY FIVE DOLLAR (\$45.00) FEE FOR EACH TEAM WILL BE REQUIRED FOR EACH CERTIFICATION ATTEMPTED. THERE WILL BE NO ADDITIONAL FEE REQUIRED FOR RE-TESTING DURING THE SAME CERTIFICATION PERIOD.

GENERAL CERTIFICATION RULES AND REQUIREMENTS

1. ALL DOG TEAMS MUST HAVE AVAILABLE PREVIOUS TRAINING RECORDS TO SUBMIT TO THE N.C.P.D.A. PRIOR TO THEIR CERTIFICATION.
2. ELECTRONIC DEVICES, SPIKED COLLARS, WHISTLES, BALLS, OR ANY OTHER ITEM VIEWED AS AN INFLUENCE, OR USED TO CONTROL THE DOG, MAY NOT BE UTILIZED DURING ANY PHASE OF THE CERTIFICATION. UNLESS EVALUATOR DEEMS A SPECIFIC COLLAR PART OF DAILY EQUIPMENT AND THE COLLAR IS NOT AND CAN NOT BE ACTIVATED DURING THE CERTIFICATION ATTEMPT.
3. ANY DOG TEAM WISHING TO BE RE-TESTED MUST SUBMIT IN WRITING TO THE N.C.P.D.A. THEIR RE-CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS AND SCHEDULING. THIS MUST BE DONE PRIOR TO THE LAPSE OF THE 30-DAY RE-CERTIFICATION PERIOD.
4. AT NO TIME WILL THE HANDLER CORRECT THE K-9 IN A CRUEL MANNER ON THE TESTING GROUNDS OR IN THE PRESENCE OF AN EVALUATOR. (MAY BE GROUNDS TO FORFEIT CERTIFICATION).
5. ALL MEMBERS ARE TO CONDUCT THEMSELVES IN A MANNER THAT WILL REPRESENT THE NCPDA IN A POSITIVE LIGHT. SEVERE UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT, OR OTHER CONDUCT UNBECOMING AN OFFICER, MAY RESULT IN FORFEITURE OF CERTIFICATION, AND THE OFFENDING MEMBER'S DEPARTMENT HEAD BEING CONTACTED BY NCPDA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER.

PASS/FAIL DECISIONS BY THE EVALUATORS ARE FINAL. ANY APPEALS WILL BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO THE N.C.P.D.A. BOARD FOR THE REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION FOR RE-TESTING.

NARCOTICS DETECTION

THERE WILL BE AT LEAST TWO AND NO MORE THAN THREE TYPES OF SEARCHES CONDUCTED.

1. VEHICLE SEARCH
2. BUILDING OR RESIDENTIAL SEARCH
3. PARCEL SEARCH (MAY INCLUDE LUGGAGE, ENVELOPE, BOXES, ETC.)

THE ORDER THAT THESE SEARCHES ARE SET UP WILL BE AT THE EVALUATORS' DISCRETION.

THE SEARCHES MAY INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING NARCOTICS:

- A. MARIJUANA
- B. COCAINE OR CRACK COCAINE
- C. HEROIN
- D. METHAMPHETAMINE

NOTE: ANY TEAM WISHING TO CERTIFY IN ANY OTHER NARCOTIC MUST NOTIFY THE HOSTING AGENCY IN WRITING TEN DAYS PRIOR TO CERTIFICATION.

1. PSEUDO-NARCOTICS WILL NOT BE USED IN THE CERTIFICATION.
2. ALL OF THE TEST HIDES WILL BE AT LEAST 5 GRAMS IN WEIGHT, NOT TO EXCEED 28 GRAMS.
3. THE NARCOTICS WILL BE HIDDEN IN PRACTICAL AREAS AND ALLOWED TO AGE FOR THIRTY (30) MINUTES PRIOR TO THE FIRST TEAMS TEST.
4. DURING THE TEST, ONLY THE HANDLER AND THE TWO EVALUATORS WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE SEARCH AREA.

5. IN EACH OF THE SEARCHES, ENTICEMENT ARTICLES SUCH AS FOOD, SOILED CLOTHING, EMPTY PLASTIC BAGS, ETC. MAY BE USED TO THOROUGHLY TEST THE DOG'S ABILITY.
6. THE DOG MUST MAKE THE ALERT OBVIOUS TO THE EVALUATORS AND AS CLOSE TO THE HIDE AS POSSIBLE.
7. THERE WILL BE A TOTAL OF THREE POSSIBLE INDICATIONS FOR EACH ODOR DURING THE TEST. THE DOG MUST BE ABLE TO LOCATE A MINIMUM OF TWO OUT OF THREE HIDES FOR EACH ODOR IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE CERTIFICATION FOR THAT ODOR.
8. ONE FALSE INDICATION DURING THE CERTIFICATION WILL BE DOCUMENTED ON THE SCORE SHEET AS SUCH. TWO FALSE INDICATIONS WILL RESULT IN THE FAILURE OF THE ENTIRE NARCOTICS CERTIFICATION.
9. DOG TEAMS WILL BE GIVEN CERTIFICATION FOR THE TYPE OF NARCOTICS LOCATED, PROVIDED REQUIREMENT #8 DOES NOT APPLY.

VEHICLES

- A. THERE WILL BE A TOTAL OF TWO VEHICLES USED PER ODOR. THESE MAY BE OF VARIOUS SIZES AND MODELS. THERE MAY BE AN ENTICEMENT ARTICLE IN/ON ONE VEHICLE THAT IS OTHERWISE A "CLEAN" VEHICLE.
- B. THE EVALUATOR RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ALTER THE NUMBER OF VEHICLES USED IN THE SEARCH. (NOT TO EXCEED EIGHT VEHICLES IN FOUR ODORS).
- C. THERE WILL BE ONE OR MORE VEHICLES THAT REMAINS CLEAN OF ANY ARTICLES OR NARCOTICS.
- D. THERE WILL BE A FIFTEEN MINUTE TIME LIMIT TO SEARCH ALL VEHICLES.

BUILDING OR RESIDENTIAL SEARCH

- A. THE BUILDING SEARCH SHALL CONSIST OF A MINIMUM OF 1,000 SQUARE FEET TOTAL AREA.
- B. ALL HIDES MUST BE CONCEALED FROM HANDLER AND K-9.
- C. THE NARCOTICS MAY BE HIDDEN AT ANY HEIGHT WITH A MAXIMUM OF 6 FT HIGH.
- D. ALL NARCOTICS MUST HAVE A MINIMUM SET TIME OF THIRTY MINUTES.
- E. THERE WILL BE A FIFTEEN MINUTE TIME LIMIT TO COMPLETE THE SEARCH.

PARCELS

- A. MAY CONSIST OF THREE OR MORE COLUMNS OF SIX PACKAGES EACH. PACKAGES WILL BE A MINIMUM OF THREE FEET APART.
- B. THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE TEST HIDE IN EACH COLUMN OF PARCELS.
- C. THERE MAY BE ONE OR MORE ENTICEMENT ARTICLES, SUCH AS FOOD, PLASTIC, ETC, HIDDEN IN OTHERWISE "CLEAN" PARCELS.
- D. THERE WILL BE A TEN MINUTE TIME LIMIT TO SEARCH THE COLUMNS.

EXPLOSIVES DETECTION

THERE WILL BE AT LEAST TWO AND NO MORE THAN THREE TYPES OF SEARCHES CONDUCTED.

1. VEHICLE SEARCH
2. BUILDING SEARCH.
3. PARCELS.

ONE FALSE INDICATION DURING THE CERTIFICATION WILL BE DOCUMENTED ON THE SCORE SHEET AS SUCH. TWO FALSE INDICATIONS WILL RESULT IN THE FAILURE OF THE ENTIRE EXPLOSIVES CERTIFICATION.

THE SEARCHES MAY INCLUDE A MINIMUM OF ½ POUND OF THE FOLLOWING EXPLOSIVES.

THERE WILL BE NO PSEUDO EXPLOSIVES ALLOWED.

- A. TNT
- B. C-4
- C. SMOKELESS POWDER
- D. WATER GEL/ TOVEX
- E. DYNAMITE (NITRATE BASED)
- F. DYNAMITE (AMMONIS)
- G. DETONATION CORD
- H. BLACK POWER AND RDX.

VEHICLES

- A. THERE WILL BE A TOTAL OF TWO VEHICLES USED PER ODOR. THESE MAY BE OF VARIOUS SIZES AND MODELS. THERE MAY BE AN ENTICEMENT ARTICLE IN/ON ONE VEHICLE THAT IS OTHERWISE A "CLEAN" VEHICLE.
- B. THE EVALUATOR RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ALTER THE NUMBER OF VEHICLES USED IN THE SEARCH. (NOT TO EXCEED EIGHT VEHICLES IN FOUR ODORS).
- C. THERE WILL BE ONE OR MORE VEHICLES THAT REMAIN CLEAN OF ANY ARTICLES OR EXPLOSIVES.
- D. THERE WILL BE A FIFTEEN MINUTE TIME LIMIT TO SEARCH ALL VEHICLES.

BUILDING OR RESIDENTIAL SEARCH

- A. THE BUILDING SEARCH SHALL CONSIST OF A MINIMUM OF 1,000 SQUARE FEET TOTAL AREA.
- B. ALL HIDES MUST BE CONCEALED FROM HANDLER AND K-9.
- C. THE EXPLOSIVES MAY BE HIDDEN AT ANY HEIGHT WITH A MAXIMUM OF 6 FT HIGH.
- D. ALL EXPLOSIVES MUST HAVE A MINIMUM SET TIME OF THIRTY MINUTES.
- E. THERE WILL BE A FIFTEEN MINUTE TIME LIMIT TO COMPLETE THE SEARCH.

PARCELS

- A. MAY CONSIST OF THREE OR MORE COLUMNS OF SIX PACKAGES EACH. PACKAGES WILL BE A MINIMUM OF THREE FEET APART.
- B. THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE TEST HIDE IN EACH COLUMN OF PARCELS.
- C. THERE MAY BE ONE OR MORE ENTICEMENT ARTICLES, SUCH AS FOOD, PLASTIC, ETC HIDDEN IN OTHERWISE "CLEAN" PARCELS.
- D. THERE WILL BE A TEN MINUTE TIME LIMIT TO SEARCH THE COLUMNS.

PATROL UTILIZATION CERTIFICATION

1. ANY OR ALL TESTING MAY BE CONDUCTED AT NIGHT OR DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS.
2. THE POLICE DOG MUST DEMONSTRATE CONTROL DURING THE CONTROL PHASE BEFORE BEING ALLOWED TO TEST ANY FURTHER.
3. THE DOG TEAM WILL BE CERTIFIED IN THE AREAS THAT HE PROVES TO BE PROFICIENT.
4. THE AGILITY OF THE DOG WILL BE EVALUATED DURING ALL PHASES OF THE TEST.
5. THE DOG TEAM WILL BE EVALUATED IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:
 - A. OBEDIENCE/CONTROL
 - B. EVIDENCE SEARCH
 - C. AREA SEARCH
 - D. BUILDING SEARCH
 - E. VEHICLE STOPS
 - F. CRIMINAL APPREHENSION

CONTROL/OBEDIENCE

- A. THE DOG MUST DEMONSTRATE CONTROL BEFORE BEING ALLOWED TO TEST FURTHER.
 - B. MAY BE CONDUCTED ON FIELDS, ASPHALT, CONCRETE, ETC. AT THE DISCRETION ON THE EVALUATORS AND THE AVAILABILITY. ALL DOGS WILL BE TESTED UNDER THE SAME CONDITIONS.
 - C. THIS TESTING WILL BE CONDUCTED OFF-LEAD.
 - D. THE DOG TEAM MUST ACCOMPLISH THE FOLLOWING IN ANY ORDER. HOWEVER, THE ORDER SHALL REMAIN THE SAME FOR EACH DOG. AT THE DIRECTION OF THE EVALUATOR, EACH DOG TEAM WILL HEEL HIS DOG APPROXIMATELY 60 PACES INCLUDING: FAST AND SLOW PACING, A MINIMUM OF ONE LEFT, ONE RIGHT, AND ONE ABOUT-TURN, AND A MINIMUM OF TWO (2) HALTS.
 - E. THE DOG WILL BE PLACED IN A SIT OR DOWN AT THE DISCRETION OF THE HANDLER AND TOLD TO STAY. THE HANDLER WILL THEN LEAVE THE SIGHT OF THE DOG FOR APPROXIMATELY; TWO MINUTES: THE DOG WILL THEN BE CALLED TO THE HANDLER BY VOICE.
 - F. THE DOG WILL BE PLACED IN A SIT OR DOWN AT THE DISCRETION OF THE HANDLER AND TOLD TO STAY. HANDLER WILL THEN LEAVE HIS DOG, WALK APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED (100) FEET, TURN, AND CALL HIS DOG TO HIM BY HAND/VOICE. THE HANDLER WILL HALT HIS DOG APPROXIMATELY HALF-WAY ON COMMAND, THEN CALL DOG TO HIM VERBALLY.
 - G. DOG WILL BE PLACED IN A SIT OR DOWN AT THE DISCRETION OF THE HANDLER AND TOLD TO STAY. HANDLER WILL WALK AWAY APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED (100) FEET, WAIT A MINIMUM OF ONE MINUTE, TURN, AND VERBALLY CALL HIS DOG TO HIM.
- NOTE: THE DOG TEAM WILL NOT BE PENALIZED FOR THE WAY HE HEELS, SITS, DOWNS, ETC. HE WILL BE EVALUATED ONLY TO THE POINT OF BASIC CONTROL THAT HE AND HIS HANDLER DEMONSTRATE.

EVIDENCE SEARCH

- A. THIS TEST WILL BE CONDUCTED IN APPROXIMATELY A ONE- HALF (1/2) ACRE AREA WITH ONE ARTICLE HIDDEN.
- B. THE DOG WILL BE TESTED ON HIS ABILITY TO LOCATE AND INDICATE THE ARTICLE TO HIS HANDLER.
- C. THE AREA MAY CONSIST OF WOODS, WEEDS, HIGH GRASS, UNDERBRUSH, ETC.
- D. THERE WILL BE A TEN (10) MINUTE LIMIT FOR THE DOG TO GO OUT AND LOCATE THE ARTICLE.
- E. THE ARTICLE WILL AGE FOR THIRTY (30) MINUTES BEFORE THE FIRST TEAM IS TESTED.
- F. THE ARTICLE WILL BE SCENTED BY BREATH, HAND, ETC. FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE MINUTE.
- G. ARTICLES MAY CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING:

METAL GUN, WRENCH, HAT, WALLET/POCKETBOOK, KNIFE, BANK BAG
SCREWDRIVER, TIRE IRON, ETC.
- H. THE DOG MUST INDICATE TO THE HANDLER THE ARTICLE IN ORDER TO BE CERTIFIED IN THIS AREA.
- I. HANDLERS MAY ENTER THE AREA TO BE SEARCHED; HOWEVER, THE DOG MUST MAKE THE ACTUAL FIND OBVIOUS TO THE EVALUATORS.
- J. EACH DOG TEAM WILL BE TESTED WITH A NEW ARTICLE AND IN A DIFFERENT SEARCH AREA.

AREA SEARCH

- A. THE AREA SEARCH MAY CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING TYPES OF TERRAIN:
WOODS, FENCED VEHICLE COMPOUND, BUSINESS PARK/ SCHOOL COMPLEX,
ECT.
- B. THE AREA SEARCH WILL BE CONDUCTED OFF LEAD.
- C. THE DOG WILL BE TESTED ON HIS ABILITY TO LOCATE A SUBJECT IN AN OPEN ENVIRONMENT.
- D. THE SUBJECT WILL BE HIDDEN FOR FIFTEEN (15) MINUTES BEFORE EACH TEAM IS TESTED.
- E. THE TEST WILL HAVE A FIFTEEN (15) MINUTE TIME LIMIT.
- F. THE DOG MUST MAKE A CLEAR INDICATION TO THE EVALUATORS AS TO THE LOCATION OF THE SUBJECT. A BARK WILL BE REQUIRED AS AN INDICATION.
- G. IF THE DOG AND HANDLER PASS THE HIDDEN SUBJECT DURING THE SEARCH THIS IS CONSIDERED TO BE AUTOMATIC FAILURE.
- H. IF THE HANDLER FAILS TO GIVE A VERBAL WARNING BEFORE SENDING HIS / HER K-9, THIS IS CONSIDERED TO BE AUTOMATIC FAILURE.

BUILDING SEARCH

- A. THE BUILDING SEARCH WILL BE CONDUCTED OFF-LEAD.
- B. THE DOG WILL BE TESTED ON HIS ABILITY TO LOCATE A SUBJECT IN AN ENCLOSED STRUCTURE.
- C. THE BUILDING SHALL BE A MINIMUM OF TWO THOUSAND (2000) SQUARE FEET UP TO FIVE THOUSAND (5000) SQUARE FEET.
- D. THE SUBJECT WILL BE HIDDEN FOR FIFTEEN (15) MINUTES BEFORE EACH TEAM IS TESTED.
- E. THE TEST WILL HAVE A FIFTEEN (15) MINUTE TIME LIMIT
- F. THE DOG MUST MAKE A CLEAR INDICATION TO THE EVALUATORS AS TO THE LOCATION OF THE SUBJECT. A BARK WILL BE REQUIRED AS AN INDICATION.
- G. IF THE DOG AND HANDLER PASS THE HIDDEN SUBJECT DURING THE SEARCH THIS IS CONSIDERED TO BE AUTOMATIC FAILURE.
- H. IF THE HANDLER FAILS TO GIVE A VERBAL WARNING BEFORE SENDING HIS / HER K-9, THIS IS CONSIDERED TO BE AUTOMATIC FAILURE.

VEHICLE STOPS

- A. THE VEHICLE STOPS WILL CONSIST OF THREE SEPARATE STOPS:
 - 1. DOG STAYS IN VEHICLE
 - 2. DOG IS CALLED TO HANDLER FROM VEHICLE
 - 3. HANDLER IS ASSAULTED WHILE DOG IS IN VEHICLE
- B. THE PHASES MAY BE CONDUCTED IN ANY ORDER.
- C. EVALUATORS WILL DECIDE WHAT WILL OCCUR ON EACH STOP (IE: CONVERSATION OR ASSAULT).
- D. AFTER EACH STOP, THE DOG WILL REMAIN IN THE VEHICLE FOR A MINIMUM OF THIRTY SECONDS AWAITING EVALUATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS.
- E. THE DOG TEAM MUST SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE THE THREE VEHICLE STOPS TO ACHIEVE CERTIFICATION.
- F. UPON THE ASSAULT PORTION OF THIS PHASE, THE DOG AND HANDLER WILL BE EVALUATED UNDER THE GUIDELINES OF THE CRIMINAL APPREHENSION CERTIFICATION.

CRIMINAL APPREHENSION

During criminal apprehension certification, handlers will have the choice of physically removing their dog from the bite, or removing the dog from the bite by verbal command only.

Verbal removal will involve NO physical contact between handler and dog until after the release of the bite.

Physical removal will involve the handler approaching, leashing and removing the dog from the bite without any physical punishment. Peeling a dog from a bite will NOT be considered physical punishment. Peeling technique is leashing the dog, pushing the collar to top of neck and near the dog's ears, then applying pressure in an upward and forward (toward dog's nose) direction on the collar. This is NOT choking a dog off. Physical punishment, including choking a dog off a bite, will NOT be tolerated.

A set time of 20 seconds will be given to out the dog from the bite, BEGINNING with the evaluators' instruction to out the dog. This will allow time for handlers to approach and leash dogs for physical removal, and will allow time for handlers using verbal removal to position themselves properly to ensure a clean out.

As handlers approach evaluators for this portion of the certification, handlers will be required to make evaluators aware of which type of removal they plan to use. Dog teams will be evaluated per the choice given.

NOTE: ALL SUSPECTS PARTICIPATING IN THE CRIMINAL APPREHENSION TESTING WILL BE REQUIRED TO WEAR FULL-BODY PROTECTION. THE CRIMINAL APPREHENSION PHASE OF CERTIFICATION WILL CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING IN ANY ORDER:

- A1. THE SUSPECT WILL STEP OUT OF CONCEALMENT A MINIMUM OF ONE HUNDRED (100) FEET AWAY FROM THE TEAM. THE SUSPECT WILL CREATE A DISTURBANCE TO ENSURE THE DOG IS FOCUSED ON SUSPECT. THE DOG WILL BE INSTRUCTED TO APPREHEND. THE SUSPECT WILL THEN STOP. AT A PREDETERMINED POINT, THE DOG MUST BE RECALLED WITHOUT APPREHENSION.

OR

- A2. THE SUSPECT WILL STEP OUT OF CONCEALMENT A MINIMUM DISTANCE OF ONE HUNDRED (100) FEET AWAY FROM THE TEAM. THE SUSPECT WILL BEGIN TO RUN AT A BRISK PACE AWAY FROM THE DOG TEAM. THE DOG WILL BE INSTRUCTED TO APPREHEND. THE HANDLER WILL BE TOLD TO RECALL HIS DOG; HOWEVER, THE SUSPECT WILL CONTINUE TO RUN AWAY. THE RECALL WILL BE CONDUCTED APPROXIMATELY HALF-WAY BETWEEN THE HANDLER AND THE

SUSPECT. THE DOG MAY NOT HAVE ANY PHYSICAL CONTACT WITH THE SUSPECT. NOTE: PHYSICAL CONTACT BY THE DOG WITH THE SUSPECT DURING EITHER OF THE ABOVE EXERCISES WILL RESULT IN FAILURE OF THIS PORTION OF THE CRIMINAL APPREHENSION CERTIFICATION. NOTE: EACH HANDLER WILL HAVE HIS LEASH WITH HIM AT ALL TIMES.

B. THE SUSPECT WILL STEP OUT OF CONCEALMENT A MINIMUM DISTANCE OF ONE HUNDRED (100) FEET AWAY FROM THE TEAM. THE SUSPECT WILL THEN BEGIN RUNNING AWAY FROM THE TEAM, OR CREATE A DISTURBANCE TO ENSURE THE DOG IS FOCUSED ON SUSPECT. THE HANDLER WILL SEND THE DOG TO APPREHEND THE SUSPECT. EVALUATORS WILL INSTRUCT THE HANDLER THAT THE HANDLER HAS 20 SECONDS TO OUT THE DOG FROM THE BITE. AFTER REMOVING THE DOG FROM THE BITE, THE HANDLER WILL THEN COMMAND HIS DOG TO SIT, DOWN, HEEL, AND/OR TO STAY. THE HANDLER WILL APPROACH THE SUSPECT, HANDCUFF, AND ESCORT THE SUSPECT TO THE EVALUATORS. THE TEAM WILL FAIL THIS PORTION OF THE CERTIFICATION IF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING OCCUR:

1. THE DOG RE-BITES DURING OR AFTER THE REMOVAL FROM BITE.
2. THE DOG FAILS TO RELEASE WITHIN THE 20 SECOND TIME LIMIT.
3. THE DOG FAILS TO APPREHEND
4. THE DOG BITES THE SUSPECT DURING THE ESCORT NOTE: THE DOG WILL BE ON/ OFF LEASH DURING THE ESCORT. HOWEVER, THE HANDLER MUST MAINTAIN PHYSICAL CONTACT WITH THE SUSPECT UNTIL REACHING THE EVALUATORS.

C. THE SUSPECT WILL STEP OUT OF CONCEALMENT A MINIMUM DISTANCE OF ONE HUNDRED (100) FEET AWAY FROM THE TEAM. HE WILL FIRE ONE AND NO MORE THAN TWO SHOTS FROM A GUN. HANDLER AND DOG MUST SEEK AVAILABLE COVER AND RETURN FIRE (A MINIMUM OF TWO ROUNDS). DOG WILL NOT BE SENT TO APPREHEND. THE TEAM WILL FAIL THIS PORTION OF THE CERTIFICATION IF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING OCCUR:

1. THE DOG BLATANTLY PULLS THE HANDLER FROM COVER/CONCEALMENT.
2. THE DOG APPREHENDS THE SUSPECT.

3. THE DOG BITES THE HANDLER
4. IF IT APPEARS TO THE EVALUATORS THAT THE HANDLER IS OUT FROM COVER,

D. THE HANDLER WILL APPROACH THE SUSPECT AND HAVE HIS DOG SIT OR DOWN AND STAY. THE HANDLER AND SUSPECT WILL THEN CONDUCT A HANDSHAKE AND CONVERSATION FOR APPROXIMATELY THIRTY (30) SECONDS. THE SUSPECT MAY THEN, AT THE DISCRETION OF THE EVALUATORS, ASSAULT THE HANDLER. THE DOG MUST PROTECT THE HANDLER BY APPREHENSION. EVALUATORS WILL INSTRUCT THE HANDLER THAT THE HANDLER HAS 20 SECONDS TO GET THE DOG FROM THE BITE. AFTER REMOVING THE DOG FROM THE BITE, THE HANDLER MUST THEN ESCORT THE SUSPECT TO THE EVALUATORS. THE TEAM WILL FAIL THIS PORTION OF THE CERTIFICATION IF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING OCCUR:

1. THE DOG RE-BITES DURING OR AFTER THE REMOVAL FROM THE BITE
2. THE DOG FAILS TO RELEASE WITHIN THE 20 SECOND TIME LIMIT.
3. THE DOG FAILS TO APPREHEND.

TRACKING/TRAILING

1. THE PURPOSE OF THIS CERTIFICATION IS TO DETERMINE THE DOG'S ABILITY TO LOCATE A SUSPECTED CRIMINAL OR A LOST PERSON.
2. THE TRACK WILL CONSIST OF A MINIMUM OF THREE (3) AND A MAXIMUM OF FIVE (5) OF THE FOLLOWING TERRAINS:

FIELD, GRAVEL, LEAVES, CREEK BED, DIRT,
CONCRETE, WOODS, ASPHALT, HIGH GRASS, ETC.
3. THE TRACK WILL BE A MINIMUM OF THIRTY (30) MINUTES AND A MAXIMUM OF ONE HOUR OLD.
4. THE TRACK WILL BE A MINIMUM LENGTH OF THREE HUNDRED (300) YARDS AND A MAXIMUM LENGTH OF FIVE HUNDRED (500) YARDS.
5. THERE WILL BE ONE SCENT ARTICLE PLACED ALONG THE TRACK (DOG TEAM WILL NOT BE PENALIZED FOR FAILURE TO LOCATE THE ARTICLE).
6. THE TRACKING TEAM WILL BE GIVEN A STARTING POINT AND THE DIRECTION OF TRAVEL BY THE EVALUATORS.
7. THERE WILL BE ONE CROSS-TRACK LAID. THIS PERSON MAY REMAIN IN THE AREA OF THE ACTUAL TRACK, BUT MUST REMAIN AT A MINIMUM DISTANCE OF TWO HUNDRED (200) YARDS FROM THE ACTUAL TRACK-LAYER. THIS CROSS- TRACK MAY BE LAID PRIOR TO, OR AFTER, THE ACTUAL TRACK.
8. THERE WILL BE A TWENTY (20) MINUTE TIME LIMIT TO COMPLETE THE TRACK.
9. THE TEAM WILL SUCCESSFULLY PASS THIS CERTIFICATION BY LOCATING THE ACTUAL TRACK-LAYER.
10. IF IT IS OBVIOUS TO THE EVALUATORS THE DOG IS NOT TRACKING/TRAILING THE EVALUATORS MAY STOP THE TEST AT ANY TIME.

Search and Rescue Team Certification Standards

Objectives

- A. To ensure that Search and Rescue dog teams in the state of North Carolina are properly trained in order to assist law enforcement agencies in their investigations.
- B. To provide a standard which all trained search and rescue dogs must maintain in the performance of their duties.

Failure to meet standards

Search and rescue dog teams that fail to meet the standards of certification maybe given the opportunity to retest. The retest will be given at the end of that certification if time permits, or within thirty days of failure. Failure to achieve the standard on the retest shall result in a recommendation by the NCPDA to remove the team from actual deployment of that particular utilization until certification can be obtained.

Certification site

The certification site will be conducted in different areas of the state. The hosting SAR team must be responsible for providing the necessary locations, Equipment, and Cadaver aids to be used for certification. ONLY Human remains will be used as aids, All K-9 teams are required to alert to bone, fluid, and tissue, NO URINE or PSEUDO will be used as aids.

Certification Evaluators

All Evaluators will fall under the main standards for the NCPDA.

Certification Fee

A forty five dollar fee for each team member will be required for each certification.

Types of certification

1. Area Search / Cadaver
2. Water Search / Cadaver

The K-9 team will have the option to certify on land or water or both when practical.

3. Area Search / Missing or Disabled Person
4. Tracking / Trailing

Land Area Search Cadaver

1. Land search may, at evaluators' discretion, consist of any combination of the following:
 - A. One (1) aid hidden rubble, concrete, lumber, etc
 - B. One (1) aid hidden on the surface concealed with brush, etc.
 - C. One (1) aid buried with a Minimum of Two (2) additional diggings to the area to disguise the actual location with a minimum depth of 6" to a maximum depth of 24". The size and amount will determine the depth and height. (Evaluators discretion)
 - D. One (1) aid concealed above ground not to exceed 5'.
 - E. A clean area will be utilized and may consist of animal remains.

K-9 team must have a positive alert on three (3) of the hides to certify.

The search area must be no less than a 100'x 100'. Certifying Evaluator may increase the search area for multiple training aids with a maximum of two (2) training aids per search area.

There will be a minimum set time of thirty minutes. And a maximum search time of one hour and thirty minutes. The K-9 must show competence and continued interest in working in locating the cadaver aid.

The K-9 teams automatically fail an area if the handler calls an alert on animal remains.

The K-9 handler MUST call the indication of his/her K-9 to the evaluator prior to any reward.

Water Area Search Cadaver

1. The area of the water to be searched will be at the discretion of the evaluator. The Evaluator will advise the K-9 team the area to be searched.

2. Water search will consist of the following:
 - A. Three (3) training aids will be submerged at different depths
 - B. No training aid will be in close proximity or upstream as to interfere with the other aids.
 - C. K-9 team must locate two (2) different tissue aids to certify.

Search will be done by boat if available.

Land Area Search Missing/Disabled Person

1. THE AREA SEARCH MAY CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING TYPES OF TERRAIN:
WOODS, FENCED VEHICLE COMPOUND, BUSINESS PARK/ SCHOOL COMPLEX, ECT.
2. THE AREA SEARCH WILL BE CONDUCTED OFF LEAD.
3. THE DOG WILL BE TESTED ON HIS ABILITY TO LOCATE A SUBJECT IN AN OPEN ENVIRONMENT.
4. THE SUBJECT WILL BE HIDDEN FOR FIFTEEN (15) MINUTES BEFORE EACH TEAM IS TESTED.
5. THE TEST WILL HAVE A FIFTEEN (15) MINUTE TIME LIMIT.
6. THE DOG MUST MAKE A CLEAR INDICATION TO THE EVALUATORS AS TO THE LOCATION OF THE SUBJECT.

TRACKING/TRAILING

1. THE PURPOSE OF THIS CERTIFICATION IS TO DETERMINE THE DOG'S ABILITY TO LOCATE A SUSPECTED CRIMINAL OR A LOST PERSON.
2. THE TRACK WILL CONSIST OF A MINIMUM OF THREE (3) AND A MAXIMUM OF FIVE (5) OF THE FOLLOWING TERRAINS:

FIELD, GRAVEL, LEAVES, CREEK BED, DIRT,

CONCRETE, WOODS, ASPHALT, HIGH GRASS, ETC.
3. THE TRACK WILL BE A MINIMUM OF THIRTY (30) MINUTES AND A MAXIMUM OF ONE HOUR OLD.
4. THE TRACK WILL BE A MINIMUM LENGTH OF THREE HUNDRED (300) YARDS AND A MAXIMUM LENGTH OF FIVE HUNDRED (500) YARDS.
5. THERE WILL BE ONE SCENT ARTICLE PLACED ALONG THE TRACK (DOG TEAM WILL NOT BE PENALIZED FOR FAILURE TO LOCATE THE ARTICLE).
6. THE TRACKING TEAM WILL BE GIVEN A STARTING POINT AND THE DIRECTION OF TRAVEL BY THE EVALUATORS.
7. THERE WILL BE ONE CROSS-TRACK LAID. THIS PERSON MAY REMAIN IN THE AREA OF THE ACTUAL TRACK, BUT MUST REMAIN AT A MINIMUM DISTANCE OF TWO HUNDRED (200) YARDS FROM THE ACTUAL TRACK-LAYER. THIS CROSS- TRACK MAY BE LAID PRIOR TO, OR AFTER, THE ACTUAL TRACK.
8. THERE WILL BE A TWENTY (20) MINUTE TIME LIMIT TO COMPLETE THE TRACK.
9. THE TEAM WILL SUCCESSFULLY PASS THIS CERTIFICATION BY LOCATING THE ACTUAL TRACK-LAYER.
10. IF IT IS OBVIOUS TO THE EVALUATORS THE DOG IS NOT TRACKING/TRAILING THE EVALUATORS MAY STOP THE TEST AT ANY TIME.