

The Evaluation shall be conducted by a primary evaluator and another primary or associate evaluator as the co-evaluator.

Prior to the evaluation, the handler shall describe the trained alert sequence.

The handler will develop a search plan, based on the information provided and the existing conditions. The handler will then explain his/her plan to the evaluators, who will act as search managers. The handler will simulate providing base camp with in-field progress at intervals mandated by the evaluators. The handler shall also inform the evaluators of any significant clues or evidence found.

### **PARAMETERS**

The dog team must search a 40 acre area and locate one subject in a maximum of 2 hours. The terrain should resemble wilderness. The majority of the area should be forested or brush covered.

The subject shall be placed at least 30 minutes prior to the evaluation and must be concealed. The handler shall not be able to see the subject from a distance of 20 feet or more.

Timing of the evaluation will begin with the deployment of the search dog. The dog and handler shall demonstrate the ability to negotiate banks, logs, brush and other natural obstacles. The dog shall demonstrate the ability to range away from and work independently of the handler yet still be under the handler's control. When the subject is located the handler will determine the subject's general location on the map. To pass the evaluation, the dog shall locate the subject within the two hours allowed and perform its trained alert or indicate by its body language that it has found the subject. The alert or behavior must be such that it would be recognized by the handler at night.

### **Mandatory Performance Requirements**

The evaluators will record the terrain, weather, elevation and temperature. To the extent that conditions allow, evaluators will assess and document the team's performance of the handler and dog skills. Evaluators will rate skill performance using one of three ratings: YES, NO, or N/A. N/A indicates that a skill is not applicable or was not observed. A NO rating by both evaluators on any of the skills will result in test failure. A NO rating by only one of the evaluators will result in a "No Test."

**Handler** \_\_\_\_\_ **SWSD#** \_\_\_\_\_ **Dog** \_\_\_\_\_

Start Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Stop Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_ Pass:  Fail:

Terrain: \_\_\_\_\_ Elevation: \_\_\_\_\_

Weather: \_\_\_\_\_ Temperature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mandatory Prerequisites**

No.	Mandatory Prerequisite (Must be checked prior to performing test)	✓
M1	Handler certification in CPR and first aid is current	
M2	Preliminary Field Skill Requirements for Handler complete	
M3	Area Search Preliminary Requirements complete	
M4	Pack appropriate to assignment and carried on test	
M5	Log book current	
M6	Physical fitness requirement current	

**Mandatory Performance Requirements**

**Handler Skills**

No.	Handler Skill	YES	NO	N/A
H1	Conduct of initial interview			
H2	Initial plan of action			
H3	Demonstration of map & compass skills			
H4	Implementation of plan in field (including revision for changing conditions)			
H5	Adjustment of search for wind conditions			
H6	Alertness to surroundings and visual clues			
H7	Coverage of search area			
H8	Ability to interpret dog's alerts/interest			
H9	Ability to direct and control dog			
H10	Physical condition of handler			
H11	Provision of appropriate breaks for dog			

**Search Dog Skills**

No.	Search Dog Skill	YES	NO	N/A
D1	Locates subject			
D2	Makes report to handler which would be recognizable at night			
D3	Takes handler all the way to subject			
D4	Ability to handle terrain (agility)			
D5	Demonstrates adequate stamina			

Evaluator: \_\_\_\_\_ Evaluator: \_\_\_\_\_

Subject: \_\_\_\_\_