

NORTH AMERICAN POLICE WORK DOG ASSOCIATION

"DEDICATED TO ASSISTING POLICE WORK DOG TEAMS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD"



CERTIFICATION RULES

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CERTIFICATION RULES

Absent exigent circumstances, Certification Rules and By-laws will be reviewed annually and changed only on odd numbered years i.e., 2021, 2023, 2025...) An exigent circumstance is defined as; a Federal Court ruling, or identified training issue, that would cause increased liability or risk to our members and the North American Police Work Dog Association. Any proposed change(s) shall be submitted in writing to the NAPWDA Secretary at least sixty (60) days prior to the Executive Board meeting. The NAPWDA Secretary will forward a copy of any proposed certification change(s) to the NAPWDA Accreditation Chairperson. By-Law changes must be approved at the General Membership meeting held annually during the National workshop unless exigent circumstances require immediate attention.

The following test rules have been adopted by the North American Police Work Dog Association. Each of the following tests is designed to determine the proficiency of the work dog team for certification in each phase of police work for canines. Whenever practical, a police work dog team graduating from an accredited training school should be tested and accredited. The successful passing and accreditation of these courses is usually acceptable testimony in court. Each test is based on a pass/fail basis. Master Trainers and handlers should review these rules in their entirety. During any certification test, unwarranted aggression is grounds for failure.

There will be no fee charged for NAPWDA certification testing. A fee may be imposed to cover expenses of travel, lodging and meals only, if necessary.

Master Trainers:

Master Trainers will act as Evaluators for these tests. Master Trainers will designate the area, phase, and manner of each phase to be tested. The Master Trainer should make every effort not to interfere with or distract the dog. The Master Trainer will observe the work dog during each test for willingness, enjoyment, interest, and accuracy. Handlers will be observed for ability and overall control of his/her dog. A Master Trainer may decline to certify any team at his or her discretion and will explain their reason for declining to the handler.

Certification Validity:

Upon successful completion of each test the Master Trainer will issue permanent credentials and they will be valid for one (1) year from the date of issue. The team being tested must pass each phase of each test no matter in what order or combination they are tested in.

A NAPWDA certification of a Regular member K9 team in all phases will ONLY BE VALID when the K9 team is being utilized by:

- (1.) The law enforcement agency they are employed by.
- (2.) A law enforcement agency they are on official assignment to by authority of their own law enforcement agency employer, (e.g. county, state, federal task force).
- (3.) A law enforcement agency which requested and received official mutual aid from the K9 team's law enforcement agency employer.

*****NOTE: NAPWDA K9 team certifications are not when utilized for ANY non-law enforcement purpose.*****

Certain Equipment Prohibited:

At no time during any of the certification tests will sticks or whips of any type be used. Collars, including pinch or electronic, may be used if it is proven to be properly worn and inactive if electronic, to the Master Trainer at the time of certification, except that no electronic collar will be permitted to be worn during Explosive Detection certification or training regardless of whether or not it is active or inactive.

Fees:

- (1) There is a \$20.00 fee for duplicate copies of completed test sheet(s) and/or certification certificate(s) from any year. This fee applies for both Regular and Associate members. The fee must be paid before any documents are released. Checks are made payable to NAPWDA. Handlers may contact the Master Trainer that conducted the testing and see if they have copies and if so request a copy. There is no charge for the copies if they come for the testing Master Trainer. It is the total responsibility of the handler to maintain and keep on file their

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date. A work dog team that fails any of the following tests may reapply for testing at the next and most convenient

Test Results:

All the following tests are recorded on a pass/fail basis. In the event of a team failure and subsequent re-test failure the Team must wait a period of no less than 15 days before retesting. If the initial failure happens at a National or State Workshop, and the Team elects to retest, the retest shall be conducted by the same Master Trainer who issued the original failure. Any work dog team that fails a test and feels that they have been tested unfairly, will, at the time of the test notify the Master Trainer of his/her appeals. The handler will then file a complete report of his/her observations and the reasons they feel they were tested unfairly. The Master Trainer having been notified of the appeal will file a report of his/her observations, all testing sheets and basis for failing the team. All reports will be filed within thirty (30) days of the test at National Headquarters. Reports or copies thereof will be forwarded to an Appeals Committee. Findings of the Committee will be returned to National Headquarters and in turn forwarded to the handler and the Master Trainer. The decision of the Appeals Committee must be by a majority vote and will be final. If during the time that a certification certificate is issued for any or all phases, the K-9 team re-tests in any or all the same phases AND FAILS, then the initial certificate which was issued in the failed phase or phases will become NULL AND VOID. Further, a letter to this effect will be sent to the K-9 team and their department, including the recommendation that they be re-tested with thirty (30) days of this notification.

MEMBERSHIP:

- (1.) Police work dog teams wishing to be tested and certified under these rules and by this Association must be regular members of this organization.
- (2.) Associate members can be tested and certified under these rules in the following phases:
 - A.) Obedience
 - B.) Tracking or Trailing
 - C.) Area Search
 - D.) Search and Rescue Area Search
 - E.) Article Search
 - F.) Building Search
 - G.) Explosive Detection
 - H.) Cadaver (The Associate member SAR canine handler must provide the testing Master Trainer(s) Proof of Completion of the following courses prior to testing:
 1. Crime Scene Preservation Course
 2. HAZMAT Awareness Course
 3. Blood borne Pathogens Course
 4. NIMS and ICS Training Courses, IS-100.B, IS-700.A, IS-200.B, IS-800.B.
 - I.) Accelerant (Only if the Associate member is an active firefighter who is a canine handler or trainer with their fire department and is assigned arson investigation duties through the use of the trained Accelerant K9 for that department.) This test certification will not be valid for any private or non-Fire/Law Enforcement Department investigation. The Associate member accelerant canine handler must provide the testing Master Trainer(s) Proof of Completion of the following courses prior to testing:
 1. Crime Scene Preservation Course
 2. HAZMAT Awareness Course
 3. Blood borne Pathogens Course
 4. NIMS and ICS Training Courses, IS-100.B, IS-700.A, IS-200.B, IS-800.C (Formerly IS-800.B).

Associate members will receive an Associate Member Certification Certificate from the NAPWDA Secretary which is designed specifically for Associate Members who successfully test in any of the above phases.

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“POLICE UTILITY DOG” CERTIFICATION TITLE

To obtain a “Police Utility Dog” certification title, the police work dog team must pass all phases of the utility dog testing areas.

Prior to testing for this title, the handler must notify the Master Trainer of his/her intent to obtain this title.

The testing will be conducted during a one-day test, unless it is conducted during a NAPWDA national or state workshop. The team must pass each phase on the first attempt and will be tested in the following areas:

- 1.) Obedience (MUST be passed to go on to the other areas.)
- 2.) Article Search, (except for explosive detection teams)
- 3.) Area Search
- 4.) Tracking or Trailing
- 5.) Building Search
- 6.) Aggression Control

NOTE: There will be a break between tests.

All tests given the K9 team will be on a pass/fail basis. The Master Trainer will determine if the team will be certified upon the completion of the test. The handler and dog will be considered as a team, and it is the team who will be certified. If the dog changes handlers, a new team exists and the team will need to be certified.

This certification will be valid for one (1) year from the date of issue as defined in Certification Validity paragraph. There will be no fee charged for NAPWDA certification testing. A fee may be imposed to cover expenses of travel, lodging and meals only, if necessary.

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OBEDIENCE CONTROL TEST

This test is to determine if the police work dog can perform off lead obedience exercises. The test is designed to test the dog's ability and proficiency and the handler's total control over his/her dog.

The obedience test must be passed during the current consecutive maximum 7-day testing period prior to attempting certification in the following areas: SAR Area Search, Building Search (Aggression Trained Dogs), Aggression Control and Cadaver Detection Teams.

The police work dog team will be tested in the following three (3) phases:

- 1.) Heeling phase
- 2.) Walking phase
- 3.) Distance phase

Each phase may be tested in any order and will be judged on a pass/fail basis. All phases will be done under direction of the Master Trainer. No cruel or abusive corrections will be displayed at any time. If such is observed the Master Trainer will note same and forward to NAPWDA Headquarters for file information.

HEELING PHASE:

The heeling phase of this test will consist of the following exercises:

- 1.) Normal pace
- 2.) Fast pace or double time
- 3.) Slow pace or half step
- 4.) A minimum of two (2) right turns; two (2) left turns; two (2) about turns.

Each leg of the above must be a minimum of thirty (30) feet long. The different phases may be conducted on any leg.

WALKING PHASE:

The handler and dog will begin from the "Finish" position and walk forward together. At a point designated by the Master Trainer, the handler will place their dog in a stay position, (sit or down), and continue walking. This is to be done without breaking stride. At a point designated by the Master Trainer, the handler, while continuing to walk away from his/her dog, will command his/her dog to heel. The Master Trainer will instruct the team to "About Turn" and then to walk forward. At a point designated by the Master Trainer, the handler will stay his/her dog, (sit or down), and without breaking stride, will continue walking. At a point designated by the Master Trainer, the handler will turn and retrieve his/her dog and return to place of origin.

DISTANCE PHASE:

At a point designated by the Master Trainer, the handler will leave his/her dog in a "Stay". At no less than thirty (30) feet the handler will be directed to turn and face his/her dog. At the direction of the Master Trainer the handler will complete the following commands (Choice and order of command or signals will be the direction of the Master Trainer.):

"Sit" : (by HAND AND VOICE simultaneously)

"Down": (by HAND AND VOICE simultaneously)

The dog will then remain in a down or sit position (the position will be the handler's discretion) for three (3) minutes. During this three (3) minute period the handler may reinforce the command by voice or hand signal while no less than ten (10) or more than thirty (30) feet away.

The Master Trainer will then instruct the handler to recall his/her dog by hand and voice. At a point prior to reaching the handler, the Master Trainer will order the handler to stop his/her dog by hand and voice command. (Note: Stopping the dog may be either by a down or sit command). Upon completion of the "Stop", the Master Trainer will direct the handler to recall his/her dog to the "Finish" (heel) position by voice and hand signal command.

All tests given the K9 team will be on a pass/fail basis. The Master Trainer will determine if the team will be certified upon the completion of the test. The handler and dog will be considered as a team, and it is the team who will be certified. If the dog changes handlers, a new team exists and the team will need to be certified.

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ARTICLE SEARCH TEST

This test is designed to test the police work dog's ability and proficiency in searching a designated area for articles having human scent on them. This would represent a search for discarded evidence or lost items. Master Trainers will observe the test from outside the search area. The Master Trainer will designate the search area.

SEARCH AREA:

The area to be searched will be no less than 60 feet by 60 feet. It will be covered by heavy vegetation no less than ten (10) inches high. The search area will be contaminated prior to the test by one or more subjects crossing through the area at least twice with a dog.

SEARCH ARTICLES:

Three (3) articles of different composition (metal, wood, paper, etc.) will be thrown at random into the search area. The team to be tested will not view this being done. One (1) article will be of metal composition. The articles to be used will be selected from, but not limited to, the following list:

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| a.) Plastic credit card | e.) Wood handle screwdriver (4"-6") |
| b.) Paper match book | f.) Crumpled cigarette package |
| c.) Shotgun Shell | g.) Empty metal handgun |
| d.) Leather Wallet | |

Articles are to be selected by the Master Trainer according to availability.

TIME:

There will be a five (5) minute time limit for this test. A warning will be given when thirty (30) seconds remain for the test. Time will start when the handler sends his/her dog out to search from any point around the perimeter of the search area.

HANDLER:

The handler will inform the Master Trainer what the dog's final response is. The handler may enter the search area and direct the search as he/she would in an actual situation. After each final response and article recovery the handler will command the dog to continue to search. The dog will be tested on the final response to the search article. This must be obvious to the Master Trainer. The dog must make two (2) finds out of three (3) with a final response on both to pass this test. Failure of this test may be based on lack of handler control, or disinterest on the part of the dog.

All tests given the K9 team will be on a pass/fail basis. The Master Trainer will determine if the team will be certified upon the completion of the test. The handler and dog will be considered as a team, and it is the team who will be certified. If the dog changes handlers, a new team exists and the team will need to be certified.

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AREA SEARCH TEST

The obedience test must be passed during the current consecutive maximum 7-day testing period prior to attempting certification this test. This test is designed to test the police work dog's ability and proficiency in search for a hidden suspect within a large area when no known track is available. The team being tested should use the wind and air currents to their best advantage.

MASTER TRAINER:

The Master Trainer will observe the team during the entire test. The Master Trainer will make every effort not to distract or interfere with the dog while he/she is working. The Master Trainer will designate the general area to be searched.

HANDLERS:

Handlers may select the starting point outside the search area that he/she wishes. The Area Search test may be administered on or off leash. If a leash is utilized it may be no less than 15 feet nor longer than 30 feet in length. The handler will inform the Master Trainer the area in which the suspect is hidden, within ten (10) feet of the suspect.

HELPER:

The helper will hide in the area at least ten (10) minutes prior to the beginning of the test. The helper should be an unknown person not normally used in training with the dog. The helper will hide themselves from view of the team using available concealment.

TIME AND AREA:

The area size the search takes place in and the time allowed for the search will be at the discretion of the Master Trainer.

All tests given the K9 team will be on a pass/fail basis. The Master Trainer will determine if the team will be certified upon the completion of the test. The handler and dog will be considered as a team and it is the team who will be certified. If the dog changes handlers, a new team exists and the team will need to be certified.

This certification will be valid for one (1) year from the date of issue as defined in Certification Validity paragraph. There will be no fee charged for NAPWDA certification testing. A fee may be imposed to cover expenses of travel, lodging and meals only, if necessary.

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SEARCH and RESCUE AREA SEARCH TEST

The obedience test must be passed during the current consecutive maximum 7-day testing period prior to attempting certification this test. This test is designed to test the K-9 team's ability and proficiency in searching designated areas to locate a lost or missing person. It is required that this canine team demonstrates sociability with the Master Trainer conducting this Search and Rescue Area Search Test prior to this certification. Any display of aggression by the K9 during any part of this test will constitute a failure.

This certification test is open to current NAPWDA Regular and Associate members. Any accredited full Utility or Tracking/Trailing Master Trainer who has either provided to the NAPWDA secretary written documentation showing that he/she has successfully completed a formal Land Navigation class or who has attended the approved NAPWDA Land Navigation class (includes administration of this test), may conduct this certification test.

All handlers who wish to test must have a current certificate from the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross in Basic First Aid and CPR.

Land Navigation Testing:

All handlers must successfully complete Land Navigation Testing to the satisfaction of the Master Trainer prior to performing any field testing. The Master Trainer will forward all completed (passed and/or failed) written tests to the NAPWDA National Secretary no later than 90 days after it was administered. The handler is required to supply the following:

- I. Compass.
- II. Protractor.
- III. A Topographical Map.

The Master Trainer will require the handler to perform the following tasks:

- 1.) Utilizing the compass, shoot a bearing to a distance landmark selected by the Master Trainer.
- 2.) Utilizing the compass, orient the map.
- 3.) Give the declination of the map.
- 4.) Name a minimum of three (3) terrain features on the map selected by the Master Trainer.
- 5.) Given a compass (magnetic) azimuth, give the grid (map) azimuth for the map being utilized.
- 6.) Given a ten-digit UTM grid coordinate, find this point on the map.
- 7.) For a point given on the map, give the ten-digit UTM grid coordinate.
- 8.) Plot a bearing from the point in task #6 to the point task #7.
- 9.) Give the compass (magnetic) azimuth to be followed for the bearing in task #8.
- 10.) Give the approximate distance between these two (2) points.

The Master Trainer will determine if the handler has successfully completed Land Navigation Testing. The Master Trainer's decision is final.

It is the responsibility of the handler to ensure the Master Trainer has access to topographical maps of the area to be tested in. If the Master Trainer does not have maps of the area to be tested in, it will be the responsibility of the handler to supply them. If problems arise with the availability of topographical maps of the test area, the Master Trainer may select an alternative type of map for this test.

The handler must tell the Master Trainer what the K9 alert will be prior to entering the search area, and the "victims" will be unknown to the K9 team. The use of GPS devices is allowed during this portion of the test.

Test Areas:

The team shall be given grid coordinates on a map and must clear the assigned areas. There will be two (2) test areas; the combined area will be a minimum of 40 acres and a maximum of 160 acres. The terrain shall be light to medium and the area will be shortened if the terrain becomes denser. There will be anywhere from zero (0) to two (2) "victims" in each search area. Upon locating a "victim", it will be up to the handler if they want the subject to stay with them or leave the search area. The "victims" shall lie still and not stimulate or make any noises or movements to get the K9's attention. The alert must be obvious to the Master Trainer. The maximum time for both areas to be cleared will be two (2) hours.

There will be a break between search areas, and the K9 team may stop inside the areas to rest, which will not count towards the two (2) hour time limit. The length of the rest periods will be at the discretion of the Master Trainer. The team may not miss any victims in the time permitted, as this will constitute a failure. A team miss is any incorrect response by the K9 team. All tests given will be on a team pass/fail basis. The Master Trainer will determine if the team will be certified upon the completion of the test. The handler and dog will be considered as a team, and it is the team that will be certified. If the dog changes handlers, a new team exists, and the team will need to be certified.

This certification will be valid for one (1) year from the date of issue as defined in the Certification Validity

paragraph. There will be no fee charged for NAPWDA certification testing. A fee may be imposed to cover expenses of travel, lodging and meals only, if necessary.

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TRACKING TEST

This test is designed to determine if the police work dog can track an unknown subject in an unfamiliar area. This test is intended to be closely simulative of working situations. This is a test of the dog's ability and proficiency and the handler's control of the dog.

HANDLERS:

Handlers shall use the appropriate equipment while tracking.

SUSPECTS:

The suspect will be unknown to the dog when possible. The suspect will receive instruction from the Master Trainer for the method and direction that the track is to be laid. Before the track is laid, the Master Trainer will inform the Handler whether a suspect or a scent article from the suspect will be at the end of the track.

TRACK:

The handler and dog will be secluded from view of the track while it is being laid. When the test begins the Master Trainer will inform the handler of the approximate area to begin. The handler will not be told in which direction the track leads. There will be one (1) fresh cross track laid at least fifteen (15) minutes after the original track is laid. The cross track will be laid by a second person to test the dog's scent discrimination. The track must be at least one quarter mile long and have at least two (2) types of surfaces which are covered (dirt, grass, concrete, asphalt, woods, etc.). The track will be at least one (1) hour old prior to beginning the test and have at least three (3) turns in it. Due to climatic conditions the age of the track will be at the discretion of the Master Trainer.

All tests given the K9 team will be on a pass/fail basis. The Master Trainer will determine if the team will be certified upon the completion of the test. The handler and dog will be considered as a team and it is the team who will be certified. If the dog changes handlers, a new team exists and the team will need to be certified.

This certification will be valid for one (1) year from the date of issue as defined in Certification Validity paragraph. There will be no fee charged for NAPWDA certification testing. A fee may be imposed to cover expenses of travel, lodging and meals only, if necessary.

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K-9 TRAILING TEST

This test is to determine if the police canine can perform a trailing exercise in a simulation of conditions which are encountered during working situations by the police work dog team. This test is designed to test the dog's ability and proficiency and the handlers control of the dog.

HANDLERS:

Handlers shall use the appropriate equipment while trailing.

For this test, the handler and canine will be hidden from view prior to the test start. Whenever possible, the suspect will be an unknown person, not regularly worked with the canine. The Master Trainer will follow the handler and in no way interfere with or distract the canine. Due to climatic conditions, the age of the trail will be at the discretion of the Master Trainer.

The canine will start the trail one (1) hour old and trail at least one and one-half miles. Surface cover at the start of the trail will be vegetation but will run at least 500 feet on pavement, cross a stream if available and cross two (2) fresh human trails. There will be at least 3 turns in this trail. The suspect will remain at the end of the trail until found.

This test will begin at the direction of the Master Trainer in the designated area. The handler will not be instructed in which direction the trail has been laid. The handler may encourage his/her dog as needed with commands and praise.

All tests given the K9 team will be on a pass/fail basis. The Master Trainer will determine if the team will be certified upon the completion of the test. The handler and dog will be considered as a team, and it is the team who will be certified. If the dog changes handlers, a new team exists and the team will need to be certified.

This certification will be valid for one (1) year from the date of issue as defined in Certification Validity paragraph. There will be no fee charged for NAPWDA certification testing. A fee may be imposed to cover expenses of travel, lodging and meals only, if necessary.

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BUILDING SEARCH TEST

The obedience test must be passed during the current consecutive maximum 7-day testing period prior to attempting certification this test. This test is designed to be simulative of a working situation. Three (3) basic types of buildings are selected and described for use on this test. The Master Trainer will accompany the team to observe the entire test, as could happen when a backup officer or superior officer would accompany the work dog team during an actual search. Survival tactics should be considered.

BUILDING TYPES:

- 1.) Residential dwellings
- 2.) Warehouse, armory, barn, open areas within the building
- 3.) School, hotel, office building, multi-room interior

HELPERS:

- 1.) Will be hidden at least ten (10) minutes prior to the test start.
- 2.) Will be hidden in a place of concealment which is not visible to the work dog and handler.
- 3.) Will wear protective sleeve if necessary for protection.
- 4.) Whenever possible, will be a person unknown to the dog, and not normally used in training with the dog.
- 5.) Should be brought into the building by way of a different route than that to be used by the dog and handler.
- 6.) Will be placed in concealment at any height.

MASTER TRAINERS:

- 1.) Will designate the area of the building to be used for the test.
- 2.) Will designate the area in which the team is to begin their search.
- 3.) Will observe the team during the entire test. The Master Trainer should make every effort not to interfere with the test, and should confer with the handler to reach an agreement as how not to disturb the dogs work, follow behind and observe from doorways, ladder, etc.
- 4.) When it is obvious to the Master Trainer that the dog is not searching for the suspect, the Master Trainer will inform the handler of the failure for this test.

HANDLER:

- 1.) This test may be administered on or off leash. If a leash is utilized, it may be no less than 15 feet nor longer than 30 feet in length.
- 2.) The handler may accompany the dog throughout the test and may encourage his/her dog with commands and praise as needed.
- 3.) In NO case will the handler open any doors that are closed within his/her search area. Room with open doors should be searched thoroughly.
- 4.) The dog's final response of the location of the helper must be obvious to the Master Trainer. The handler will inform the Master Trainer of the helper location.

All tests given the K9 team will be on a pass/fail basis. The Master Trainer will determine if the team will be certified upon the completion of the test. The handler and dog will be considered as a team, and it is the team who will be certified. If the dog changes handlers, a new team exists and the team will need to be certified.

This certification will be valid for one (1) year from the date of issue as defined in Certification Validity paragraph. There will be no fee charged for NAPWDA certification testing. A fee may be imposed to cover expenses of travel, lodging and meals only, if necessary.

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AGGRESSION CONTROL TEST

The obedience test must be passed during the current consecutive maximum 7-day testing period prior to attempting certification this test. This test is to determine if the police work dog can perform exercises encountered by the police handler and his/her dog under simulated situations encountered while working. The test is designed to test the dog's ability, proficiency, courage, and the handler's total control of his/her dog.

There are three (3) phases of this test. The dog and handler will be tested in all phases in the order listed. Each phase is tested on a pass/fail basis and must be passed before proceeding to the next phase.

There are options for equipment utilized during the test. Prior to the test the Master Trainer must approve of the option utilized, inspect and approve all equipment used. Hidden, concealed protective gear will be worn by the suspect. This equipment is to be completely concealed by clothing so as to provide no visual cue to the dog as to its existence or location or a visible colored (other than jute color) full protective aggression suit may be used. In the event of any safety issue raised by the suspect, handler or master trainer, the master trainer has the discretion to mandate the use of a protective aggression suit described above.

The type of lead used by the handler will be at his/her discretion but will not be over six (6) feet long. Each phase shall be completed off lead unless specified otherwise.

Guns and ammunition will be a handgun loaded with blanks which at least have the rapport of a .38 cal. live round and will be checked by a Master Trainer or their appointed steward prior to the phase.

Whenever possible, the suspect will be unknown to the dog. The suspects may be other handlers being tested or volunteers with the approval of the Master Trainer, or in some cases the Master Trainer themselves.

In the phases requiring the dog to physically apprehend the suspect, the dog must fully engage and hold/fight the suspect. Failure to engage or excessive, unnecessary mouthing and readjusting of the apprehension is grounds for failure.

In the phases requiring the dog to stop his pursuit and apprehension of the suspect, the handler may use any command or series of commands to control the dog.

Failure of the dog to release and/or to respond to obedience commands in a timely manner is grounds for failure.

The handler must demonstrate sound tactics during all phases of the test. When a search of the suspect is called for the handler must demonstrate a safe approach, simulate handcuffing, and search the suspect for weapons.

The order of the phases is as follows:

PHASE 1: Termination of Chase

The dog will begin this phase from the heel position. The suspect will begin at approximately 40 yards away from the team. At the direction of the Master Trainer, the suspect will run away from the team in any direction. The Master Trainer will inform the handler when to send their dog. The suspect will stop and surrender terminating the pursuit when instructed by the Master Trainer.

The type of call off used is at the handler's discretion, but the Master Trainer must be informed of the type to be used prior to the test. It may be one of the following:

- 1.) Dog is recalled to the heel position.
- 2.) Dog is commanded to the down, sit, or stand position and the handler will join their dog or recall the dog to the heel position.
- 3.) The dog will display reasonable force or detaining behavior.

The importance of this test is that the suspect is not mouthed, nipped, or bitten by the dog regardless of the type of call off used. Nonaggressive incidental contact made by the dog while attempting to respond to the call off is not faulty. This phase will be complete when the dog is in the heel position with the handler.

PHASE 2: Gun Fire Control:

The dog will be in the heel position. The suspect carrying a handgun loaded with blanks which at least have the rapport of a .38 cal. live round, will start approximately 30 yards away from the team and run away. The suspect will fire a minimum of two shots as directed by the Master Trainer. The handler will then return fire with two shots. The dog will always remain at the heel position showing no signs of aggression. This phase is now complete.

PHASE 3: Chase and Apprehension of a Suspect:

Chase and Apprehension of a Suspect: The dog and handler from a position of cover, if available, will order the suspect to approach them. When the suspect refuses and after that handler issues the appropriate verbal warnings, the handler will command their dog to apprehend the suspect. The handler shall move to a position of cover if available. The dog will pursue, apprehend, and hold the suspect. Upon the handler's arrival at the location of the dog and suspect and at the discretion of the Master Trainer, the handler will command the dog to release and call off. The handler then orders the suspect to an appropriate position, approaches the suspect and then simulates handcuffing and a search of the suspect. During this process, the suspect will display behavior consistent with a suspect that has just been bitten, including stumbling, loud vocalization, and passive resistance. The amount of stimulation displayed will be at the discretion of the Master Trainer. Any additional intentional physical contact by the dog with the decoy at any time following the release of the initial apprehension will result in failure. (Effective 01-01-2018)

All tests given the K9 team will be on a pass/fail basis. The Master Trainer will determine if the team will be certified upon the completion of the test. The handler and dog will be considered as a team, and it is the team who will be certified. If the dog changes handlers, a new team exists and the team will need to be certified.

This certification will be valid for one (1) year from the date of issue as defined in the Certification Validity paragraph. There will be no fee charged for NAPWDA certification testing. A fee may be imposed to cover expenses of travel, lodging and meals only, if necessary.

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NORTH AMERICAN POLICE WORK DOG ASSOCIATION

FIREARMS DETECTION TEST

Any Master Trainer accredited in a detection discipline can administer this test. This test is designed to determine the proficiency and reliability of dogs in the detection of firearms and firearm parts in a variety of environments.

The aids used for testing shall include handguns, long guns, and firearm parts. All firearms used for testing must have been fired within six months of testing. All firearm parts must have been within a firearm when it was fired within six months of testing. All firearms will be unloaded prior to placement. As the signature odor in Firearm Detection is the residue created from a fired weapon, starter pistols, air guns, ammunition and spent casings are not to be used for testing.

1.) Testing will consist of a handgun, long gun, and firearm part placed in each of four areas, for a total of 12 finds. Environmental conflict odors will be present in all testing areas. Any non-explosives detection team integrating this certification shall include smokeless powder as a conflict odor.

2.) Testing will be conducted in four (4) areas selected by the Master Trainer from the below:

- Buildings – Search area will consist of a minimum of six rooms of which three (3) should be blank. One aid should be placed at least six (6) feet in height above floor level.
- Vehicles – Vehicles shall consist of a minimum of six (6) vehicles with placement in both vehicle exterior and interior.
- Lockers – Consisting of a minimum of twenty-five (25) lockers.
- Open Area – Consisting of an area no larger than sixty (60) yards by sixty (60) yards and no smaller than twenty-five (25) yards by twenty-five (25) yards. Aids will be placed at the discretion of the Master Trainer but no more than six (6) feet above ground level.
- Baggage/Packages – Baggage items shall consist of hard and/or soft-shell suitcases, briefcases, backpacks, cloth bags, golf bags, sea bags, duffle bags, etc. Packages shall consist of cardboard boxes, shipping envelopes, paper boxes, and envelopes or Express mail envelopes. A minimum of ten (10) and a maximum of fifteen (15) items will be utilized.

3.) For certification the canine team cannot have more than one “miss” total throughout all testing areas. A “miss” is defined as any incorrect response by the canine team. Any overtly aggressive response toward the training aid is also considered a miss.

5.) All aids will be hidden a minimum of thirty (30) minutes prior to testing. Additional time may be used at the discretion of the Master Trainer.

6.) Each handler should brief the Master Trainer as to the dog’s final trained response.

Modified Double Blind (REQUIRED):

- A minimum of one search scenario shall be conducted using a modified double-blind format, where the certifying Master Trainer, and any other parties with knowledge of the exercise content, cannot be seen by the canine or handler being tested while they are conducting the search.
- The modified double-blind exercise search will be documented on the test sheet by entering “MDB” in the “Location of Aid” field of the search.
- The selection of the search exercise using this format will be at the discretion of the Master Trainer.

All tests given for Firearms Detection certification will be on a pass/fail basis. The Master trainer will determine if the team will be certified upon the completion of the test. The handler and dog will be considered as a team, and it is the team who will be certified. If the dog changes handlers, a new team exists, and the team will need to be certified.

The certification will be valid for one (1) year from the date of issue as defined in Certification Validity paragraph. There will be no fee charged for NAPWDA certification testing. A fee may be imposed to cover expenses of travel, lodging and meals only, if necessary.

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NORTH AMERICAN POLICE WORK DOG ASSOCIATION

NARCOTIC DETECTION TEST

This test is designed to determine the proficiency and reliability of dogs in the detection of narcotics. As defined by the NAPWDA narcotic detection rules for testing, the minimum acceptable level required to pass is 91.66%. The basic narcotic odors (and their derivatives) that can be tested in are marijuana, cocaine, heroin, and methamphetamine and are not to exceed five (5) different narcotic odors. The safety of the detection dog will be the sole responsibility of the handler, (such as overdose). The general rules for testing narcotic detection dogs will be as follows:

- 1.) The "Reward toy or object" used during a narcotic detection certification test, to reward the dog upon finding a narcotic hide, WILL NOT contain any narcotics or narcotic odor/residue.
- 2.) All odors attempting to be certified in WILL be hidden in ALL areas tested in. Conflict odors will be present in all testing areas.
- 3.) All searches will include a minimum of two (2) blank uncontaminated areas to be searched, e.g. vehicle, room, luggage, locker, area, etc.
- 4.) Testing will be conducted with a minimum of four (4) areas. A total of 16 hides are required for certification in which all 4 odors are attempted.
 - Areas of concealment are:
 - a.) Vehicles (Exterior), mandatory search area and minimum 6 vehicles for test.
 - b.) Buildings, mandatory search area. Minimum of six (6) rooms for test.
 - c.) Vehicle Interiors. Minimum of 6 vehicles for test. (NAPWDA recommends training in this area)
 - d.) If luggage, any type of package or container is used, there will be a minimum of 15 pieces used for testing.
 - e.) If lockers are used, there will be a minimum of 25 lockers used for testing.
 - f.) Open Areas (Consisting of a minimum area size equal to 150ft x150ft.)
- 5.) A "team miss" is defined as any incorrect response by the K9 team.
- 6.) Only one (1) miss total overall of all odors attempted to be certified in, will be permitted for a successful "pass" certification. If the testing K9 team has more than one (1) team miss, which is a failure, then the K9 team MUST RETEST in ALL PHASES AND in ALL ODORS that they are seeking accreditation for.
- 7.) Narcotics certified in will be listed by their "Laboratory" names on the certification certificate.
- 8.) Pseudo narcotics WILL NOT be used for certification tests.
- 9.) The Master Trainer will place the aids in locations unknown to the team. Hides may be high or low.
- 10.) The amount of narcotic substance used for testing will not be less than one (1) gram.
- 11.) When testing in three or more odors of narcotics, a minimum of one (1) hide of each odor attempted to be certified in WILL be hidden in "Building" searches and in "Other" searches, tested in.
- 12.) When testing in three or more odors of narcotics, there will be a minimum of twelve (12) hides.
- 13.) If only one (1) odor is attempted to be certified in, there WILL be a minimum of twelve (12) total finds, consisting of a minimum four (4) hides in building search, minimum four (4) hides in "Other" searches, and a minimum of four (4) hides - two (2) inside and two (2) outside a vehicle. There will be at least two (2) blank uncontaminated vehicles searched/used during this test.
- 14.) If two (2) odors are attempted to be certified in, there WILL be a minimum of twelve (12) total finds, consisting of a minimum two (2) hides of each odor in building search, minimum two (2) hides of each odor in "Other" searches, and a minimum two (2) hides of each odor - one (1) of each odor inside and one (1) of each odor outside a vehicle. There will be at least two (2) blank uncontaminated vehicles searched/used during this test.

15.) Time limits on searches will be at the discretion of the Master Trainer and so long as the Master Trainer determines that the team is still working.

Modified Double Blind (REQUIRED):

- A minimum of one search scenario shall be conducted using a modified double-blind format, where the certifying Master Trainer, and any other parties with knowledge of the exercise content, cannot be seen by the canine or handler being tested while they are conducting the search.
- The modified double-blind exercise search will be documented on the test sheet by entering “MDB” in the “Location of Aid” field of the search.
- The selection of the search exercise using this format will be at the discretion of the Master Trainer.

*** NOTE: There will be a break between the narcotic building searches and the narcotic vehicle searches. ***

All tests given the Narcotic Detection Team will be on a pass/fail basis. The Master Trainer will determine if the team will be certified upon the completion of the test. The handler and dog will be considered as a team, and it is the team who will be certified. If the dog changes handlers, a new team exists and the team will need to be certified.

This certification will be valid for one (1) year from the date of issue as defined in Certification Validity paragraph. There will be no fee charged for NAPWDA certification testing. A fee may be imposed to cover expenses of travel, lodging and meals only, if necessary.

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NORTH AMERICAN POLICE WORK DOG ASSOCIATION

EXPLOSIVE DETECTION TEST

This test will determine the proficiency and reliability of dogs in the detection of explosives. No Electronic Collar will be permitted to be worn by the canine during Explosive Detection Certification or training regardless of whether it is active or inactive.

Search Time: It is recognized that increased search time endurance and proficiency of the explosive detection canine teams for deployment and future training requirements is necessary. Agencies should be including this in their in-service training. It is highly recommended that Explosive Detection Canine / Explosive Odor Tracking teams should be training towards working 30-minute searches and maintain proficiency. If the certifying canine teams' mission parameters require an extended search, the Master Trainer has the authority to extend any phase to accommodate that need.

During testing, all necessary precautions should be taken to ensure that the handler has no prior knowledge as to the location of explosives training aids. Canine teams should search the way they were trained. No assistance or leading the team by the Master Trainer or anyone else, shall be permitted. The canine team should be able to locate all explosive training aids within a 2-meter (6.56 feet) radius of the source without disturbing the source, regardless of the height of the source, barring extenuating environmental conditions deemed relevant by the master trainer. If the handler identifies a canine final response that is within 3.05 meters (10 feet) of a hidden explosives training aid, but not in the immediate area of the explosives training aid, the master trainer will advise the handler "Not at Source." Prior to the test beginning and to encourage handlers to trust their canine and discourage handlers from counting the training aids during testing, handlers shall be informed by the Master Trainer that once they leave a search area, (room, vehicle, etc.) they will not be permitted to come back to that specific search location. (An exception to this would be an initial cursory search prior to a detailed search)

All canine teams must be tested on ALL odors. The required testing odors for the North American Police Work Dog Association Standard are:

Mandatory Odors:

- 1.) Powders (Black, Single Base Smokeless and/or Pyrodex)
- 2.) Double Base Smokeless and/or Triple Base Smokeless Powder
- 3.) Commercial Dynamite (AN or NG)
- 4.) (RDX) Plastic Explosive (C-4 or Flex-X) Semtex, A5
- 5.) T.N.T or Military Dynamite or Comp B
- 6.) (PETN) Primer Cord or Det Cord
- 7.) Water-Gel or Slurries or Emulsion

If one of the mandatory odors is not available, the team must be tested using the remaining six mandatory odors. If two (2) or more are unavailable, the testing will not be conducted until the required odors are obtained.

In addition to the mandatory odors and at the discretion of the Master Trainer the below optional explosive odors may be utilized for testing.

Optional Odors:

- 1.) Black powder substitutes.
- 2.) Blasting agents.
- 3.) Cast boosters.
- 4.) Nitromethane. **** CAUTION. Excessive use as a training aid may result in canine olfactory injury****
- 5.) Photoflash/fireworks/pyrotechnic powders.
- 6.) Plastic explosives (unmarked and marked with detection agent).
- 7.) Tetryl.

Homemade explosives (HME) that include:

- 1.) Chlorate based mixtures (e.g., Potassium Chlorate and Sodium Chlorate).
- 2.) Nitrate based mixtures (e.g., Ammonium Nitrate, Urea Nitrate).
- 3.) Perchlorate based mixtures (e.g., Potassium Perchlorate).

Due to the increased popularity of improvised explosives, nitrated and peroxide based explosives used by terrorist elements worldwide, it is recommended that the current testing standard include peroxide based and nitrated explosives when available. Once the seven (7) basic odors are tested and Peroxide Based and Urea Nitrate Explosives are available, at the Master Trainer's discretion, the Certification Test may include Peroxide Based Explosives and/or Urea Nitrate. Due to the sensitivity and safe handling of the explosive compounds listed, it is recommended that an exception to certification weights be allowed. Current availability of Peroxide Based Explosives is limited to one (1) to two (2) grams in order to handle and

transport the explosives safely. It is further recommended that at least one (1) gram of the explosive compound be used during testing and not “trace” amounts.

The maximum weight of explosives used shall be unlimited; however, a minimum of 113.4 grams (¼ pound) shall be used for testing except for the Peroxide Base Explosives. Those weights are written above. Each area tested will contain three (3) aids. Each aid will be a different explosive. The handler will not be informed of the actual type of explosive training aids being utilized for testing. The term “explosive aid” will mean any explosive substance used for NAPWDA certification testing. No pseudo or non-explosive variants will be utilized for the NAPWDA Certification test.

Five (5) areas will be provided for testing. The canine team will be tested in four (4) of the five (5) areas. The five (5) areas will be:

- 1.) Building (see page 25 for definition)
- 2.) Vehicles (see page 25 for definition)
- 3.) Baggage (see page 25 for definition)
- 4.) Open Area (see page 25 for definition)
- 5.) Aircraft, Watercraft or Mass Transit Vehicle (see page 26 for definitions)

The canine team must search the areas of Building, Vehicles and Baggage. The fourth area will be Open Area, Aircraft, Watercraft or Mass Transit Vehicle. It will be the responsibility of the testing or hosting agency to provide suitable training areas.

A (sixth) area for a Canine Team that meets the requirements as an Explosive Odor Tracking Canine Team may be utilized in place of testing areas number Four (4) and five (5) above. (See page 25 for definitions)

To successfully test for certification, the dog’s trained response must be passive and the canine team CANNOT miss more than one (1) explosive aid in all phases of testing. A “team miss” is defined as any incorrect response by the canine team. This includes but is not limited to:

- 1.) All improper, or nonproductive responses
- 2.) Failure to detect the explosive aid (includes when the handler fails to direct the K9 to search the area where the explosive aid is hidden or identifies an area without an explosive training aid)
- 3.) The canine exhibiting any physical aggression toward the Explosive aid.
- 4.) Exceeding the allotted testing time.
- 5.) Opening of any closed doors, drawers, or containers of any kind by either the handler or canine.
- 6.) The canine or canine team’s inability to sustain a productive search for up to 30 minutes, within each search area.
- 7.) If the canine handler discontinues the search of their own volition.

If the testing canine team has more than one (1) team miss, which is a failure, then the team MUST RETEST in ALL PHASES and in ALL ODORS that they are seeking accreditation for. Any Re-Test will be at the discretion of the testing Master Trainer. In the event the Canine Team fails the Re-Test, the Canine Team will not be eligible to attempt certification again for a minimum period of fifteen (15) days. This is in order for the Canine Team to complete remediation training. All testing will be done on a pass/fail basis. The minimum acceptable level required to pass is 91.6% as defined by the NAPWDA explosive detection rules. It is recommended that testing be administered over a two (2) day period or more. The final decision as to the length of the testing period shall rest with the Master Trainer conducting the certification. All aids will be placed at least thirty (30) minutes prior to the testing of the canine team. NO DETONATING DEVICES WILL BE allowed to be used for testing or BE PLACED WITH THE EXPLOSIVE TRAINING AIDS! ALL HANDLING OF EXPLOSIVE TRAINING AIDS WILL BE DONE IN A SAFE MANNER! If an explosive aid requires being moved to a new location, the previously used area will be removed as a testing sight. An Accredited NAPWDA Master Trainer in Explosive Detector Dogs will conduct all testing.

Prior to the first explosive detector team entering the test area, a human and canine may be walked through the testing area. Prior to testing, each handler will brief the Master Trainer as to that dog’s trained response to the explosive aids. Each indication to an explosive training aid by the canine will be obvious to the Master Trainer. Prior to each phase, the Master Trainer will inform the handler of the boundaries, time, starting point, etc. of the search problem. Apart from an Aircraft Search, a maximum time limit of thirty (30) minutes will be allotted for each phase of testing. There is no maximum time limit during an Aircraft search.

The Master Trainer can terminate the test and fail the team if at the discretion of the Master Trainer the team is not conducting a productive search. The Master Trainer will maintain the time limit during the testing and will begin when the canine team begins to search. The test time will stop upon the handler’s indication that the search is complete, or the time expires. Conversation between tested and untested handlers will not be allowed while testing is in progress. (Providing Training Aid locations or otherwise “cheating” will be grounds for Failure) Handlers undergoing testing will not be allowed to observe other canine teams during the testing procedure.

No overly harsh or inappropriate physical corrections by the handler to the dog will be permitted. At the Master Trainers discretion, any such behavior will be grounds for a failure of the Explosive Detection Test.

The purpose of accreditation testing is to observe the team’s ability to locate a hidden explosive. It should be noted that all explosive aids may not be pinpointed to source by the dog due to height, wind current or placement of the aid. The

Master Trainer will exercise reasonable judgment and the handler should consider all changes in behavior by the dog towards explosive odor.

Each certification certificate will be valid for one (1) year from the date of the test. It should be noted that normal training and retraining of the canine team must be conducted to maintain and enhance the team's capability.

All explosive aids used in testing should be of recent manufacture and in separate containers. It will be the responsibility of the agencies being tested to provide the required explosive aids. All explosive aids utilized for testing will be actual explosives. No pseudo or non-explosive substitutes will be used for testing. STRICT SAFETY MEASURES will be upheld during testing! All outdoor testing will immediately discontinue with the imminent threat of any inclement weather that is associated with lightning. All explosive aids will be placed in such a manner that the dog cannot touch or retrieve same.

Use of Distracters:

Natural distracters are normally present and vary depending on the area where the certification testing is done. Placement of distracters in the certification area is required when no natural distracters are present. Care must be taken not to place artificial distractions in a manner that causes contamination with the test substance odor. Distracters can be the same as used in the odor recognition assessment.

BUILDING SEARCH (mandatory):

The building search will consist of four (4) rooms to be searched by the canine team. Each room will be a minimum of 400 square feet in size and contain some type of furniture. Only one (1) explosive aid will be placed within each room. One room will be blank, containing no explosive aid. The explosive aids will be placed anywhere from eight (8) feet high to ground level. The handler and/or canine will not open any closed doors, cabinet's desk drawers, etc. during testing.

VEHICLE SEARCH (mandatory):

A minimum of eight (8) motor vehicles will be utilized for testing. Any type or model of passenger vehicle, including military vehicles, pickup trucks, tractor-trailers, vans, buses, or trailers (towed behind vehicles) may be utilized for testing (subject to availability). Testing may include the interior of vehicles. The vehicles will be parked in a configuration similar to a parking lot in order to allow access to each vehicle by the canine team being tested. Motorcade and vehicle checkpoint configuration are also permitted. Only one (1) explosive aid will be placed on or in each vehicle. One (1) explosive aid must be placed inside of a closed engine compartment. Additional explosive aids will be placed on or within the vehicles at the discretion of the Master Trainer; recommended but not limited to:

- 1.) Fuel tank exterior or fuel filler pipe.
- 2.) Drive shaft.
- 3.) Interior of closed trunk compartment.
- 4.) Closed passenger compartment.
- 5.) Undercarriage.
- 6.) Outer body.

BAGGAGE SEARCH (mandatory):

The type of baggage utilized for testing will be defined as hard and soft shell suitcases, attaché, cases, clothing bags, briefcases, golf bags, sea bags, duffel bags, boxes, parcels and any other containers used for the transport of personal items or shipping purposes. The Master Trainer will have ultimate discretion over the types of bags utilized for testing. A minimum of twenty (20) bags will be utilized for testing. All explosive aids will be secured within each bag utilized for testing. One (1) or more bags should contain clothing or other items associated with the types of baggage used. The baggage should be placed in a straight line and broken up into rows.

OPEN AREA SEARCH:

Open area search shall be defined as:

- 1.) Building Exteriors.
- 2.) Open fields.
- 3.) Wooded areas.
- 4.) Any area outside not covered in the above.

The Open Area utilized for testing will be no larger than 100 yards by 100 yards (300 feet by 300 feet) and no smaller than 50 yards by 50 yards (150 feet by 150 feet) or any configuration thereof. At the discretion of the Master Trainer, all explosive aids will be placed no more than 3 feet below surface level to a maximum of eight (8) feet above surface level.

Important Notice regarding Aircraft, Watercraft and Mass Transit Vehicles used during
NAPWDA Certification Testing:

It is highly recommended by NAPWDA that the testing Master Trainer record the Registration numbers of Aircraft, Watercraft, or Mass Transit Vehicles used during the Certification Test on the NAPWDA Certification Test sheet. This high recommendation is due to the wide use of Aircraft, Watercraft, and Mass Transit Vehicles in NAPWDA Certification Testing and the possibility of inadvertent odor contamination of these Aircraft, Watercraft, and Mass Transit Vehicles and the further possibility of these being used again for Certification Testing and/or training in other jurisdictions. The registration numbers noted on the NAPWDA Certification Test sheet would afford The North American Police Work Association an ability to track Aircraft, Watercraft, and Mass Transit Vehicle used in Certification Testing, should there be a need. Registration Number: Is any identifying number, either permanent or temporarily, assigned to an Aircraft, Watercraft, or Mass Transit Vehicle.

AIRCRAFT SEARCH:

The availability of aircraft will be the deciding factor in this phase of testing and at the discretion of the Master Trainer. Commuter, commercial and military aircraft capable of carrying a minimum of 16 people may be utilized for this test phase. Inoperable aircraft (used for ground training purposes only but mechanically incapable of flying) are acceptable for certification purposes. The search shall include the interior and exterior of the aircraft along with all ground support equipment. One (1) explosive aid will be placed in the interior of the aircraft. The interior of the aircraft includes the passenger compartment, cockpit, lavatories, and cargo compartments. Additional explosive aids may be placed at the discretion of the Master Trainer either inside or outside the aircraft. The exterior of the aircraft includes the landing gear, wings, engines and ground support equipment. There is no time limit during the aircraft search test. Strict safety measures while working inside of a busy airport will be adhered to. All explosive aids used will require the use of a "Barrier" object such as a towel, paper towel, cardboard, etc., to prevent the explosive aid from coming into direct contact with any physical part of the aircraft, causing residue contamination.

WATERCRAFT SEARCH:

The availability of watercraft will be the deciding factor in this phase of testing and at the discretion of the Master Trainer. The types of watercraft used for testing shall be, but not limited to, cruise ships, freighters, cargo ships, barges, military vessels, or any other type of watercraft with an open deck and an interior cabin area. One (1) explosive aid will be placed inside of an interior portion of the watercraft such as a cabin, wheelhouse, cargo compartment or engine room. Two (2) explosive aids will be placed on or about the open deck area of the ship or dockside support equipment. Strict safety measures while working near the water and around steep stairwells, which are the norm for many ships, will be adhered to. The Master Trainer will use discretion in placing explosive aids in a location that may expose the canine team to the risk of falling overboard or being injured by deck equipment. On smaller watercraft, personal flotation jackets should be utilized.

MASS TRANSIT VEHICLE SEARCH:

The availability of Mass Transit Vehicles will be the deciding factor in this phase of testing and at the discretion of the Master Trainer. Passenger trains, subways, overhead rail and commercial touring buses will be utilized for testing. A minimum of one (1) explosive aid will be placed in the interior of the mass transit vehicle. Additional explosives may, at the discretion of the Master Trainer, be placed either inside or outside of the mass transit vehicle. The exterior includes support equipment, loading docks, platforms and baggage handling equipment. Strict safety measures while working near busy rail yards, depots and electrical equipment will be adhered to. All explosive aids used for testing will require the use of a "Barrier" object such as a towel, paper towel, cardboard, etc., to prevent the explosive aid from coming into contact with any physical part of the mass transit vehicle causing residue contamination.

CERTIFICATION OF EXPLOSIVE ODOR TRACKING TEAMS:

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this test is the screening of people in an operational environment for the detection of hand carried and/or body worn explosives, otherwise referred to as explosive odor tracking.

This testing as outlined herein is conducted to test the proficiency of this specific type of canine utilization only. It is not intended to replace the traditional testing of canine explosive teams.

Prior to taking the test the team must be a member in good standing with the North American Police Work Dog Association. The canine team must have completed an actual Explosive Detection Canine Team course, with specific training in Explosive Odor Tracking deployment.

The test will be conducted in conjunction with the three required mandatory search areas and will be considered the Optional/Other fourth search area in the North American Police Work Dog Association Explosive Detection Test.

It is the handler's responsibility to fully understand the certification requirements prior to the start of the test.

Prior to starting the test, the Master Trainer will ensure that the testing handler(s) fully understand the testing process and what is expected of the team during the test for successful completion.

At NO time will any canine trained for dual purpose use including any specialized training in Aggression Control (Police Utility Title) or Police Canine Patrol duties be allowed to attempt the Explosive Odor Tracking Certification. The Master Trainer will have the authority to request training records or other proof of training specific to this portion of the Explosive Detection Certification. The Master Trainer also has the authority to deny this specific testing to any Canine Team that does not meet the specific training requirements for "Explosive Odor Tracking".

Upon the successful completion of this phase and in conjunction with the 3 (three) required test areas, the canine teams' certification will be titled "EXPLOSIVE DETECTION/EXPLOSIVE ODOR TRACKING TEAM"

RULES:

The explosive odors to be used for this category of the certification will utilize; but are not limited to any of the seven (7) mandatory odors for Explosive Detection Teams. The minimum amount training aid for this phase of testing will be one (1) pound, with no maximum. To achieve the minimum explosive training aid amount, the Master Trainer has the discretion to place any additional explosive training aids together to be considered as one.

The agency team(s) being tested in this phase may also elect to provide a specific explosive odor in addition to the above mandatory odors depending on their specific mission statement.

CERTIFICATION TESTING OF EXPLOSIVE ODOR TRACKING TEAMS

There will be three (3) areas of testing with one explosive aid in each of the areas tested.

The area to be used for testing should be a public place, such as a Train Station, Shopping Area (Interior or Exterior), Airport, Bus Station, Stadium/Arena, or where larger volumes of people traveling by foot congregate. The volume of people flowing through the searchable area should be commensurate with normal foot traffic and should be sustained throughout a 30-minute search for each test.

The trained response will be communicated to the Master Trainer prior to starting the evaluation. A Master Trainer may also terminate the test if at any point the dog "jumps" up on a person, shows any type of aggression towards people or if the team is not actively working. For the first and second test the team will be given an area to search that should be longer than 50 feet and wide enough to accommodate the team's side to side movement. The team may leave the 50-foot area to conduct a scan or as part of a canine indication. The order in which the below test will be conducted will also be at the discretion of the Master Trainer.

If Logistics do not support a continuous volume of foot traffic and at the Master Trainer's discretion, all available persons utilized may continually return and walk through the area tested.

APPLICATION:

1. The training aid should be placed beneath person's clothes in a manner so as not to draw attention to the area by being bulky or displaying sharp edges. The decoy will be put into the flow of pedestrian traffic at the Master Trainer's discretion.
2. The training aid should be placed in a bag, pulled, or pushed type container (such as a shopping cart, rolling luggage etc.) and carried or pushed/pulled by a person through the searchable area. The type of bag and the way it is carried will be at the Master Trainer's discretion.
3. This test will be a static decoy with the training aid either on or attached to the person in the form of a backpack, bag, rolling tote, briefcase or other carrying device utilized at the discretion of the Master Trainer. The search technique to be utilized for this will be a roving patrol with the area to be determined by the Master Trainer. The volume of people flowing through the searchable area should be commensurate with normal foot traffic, to include the decoy.

The training aid will be placed 30 minutes prior to the decoy being put into the searchable area.

Searchable areas can be Terminal areas, Theaters, Shopping Malls, and other areas with a minimum of 10,000 square feet.

All target persons carrying training aids utilized for this test shall be unknown to the Canine Team. A different person will be utilized for each of the three (3) individual testing phases. With the exception of the static decoy in phase three (3), The Target

Person will be allowed to pass in close proximity six (6) feet or less of the testing canine team a maximum of three (3) times during this testing phase.

This certification will be valid for one (1) year from the date of issue as defined in Certification Validity paragraph. There will be no fee charged for NAPWDA certification testing. A fee may be imposed to cover expenses of travel, lodging, meals, and administrative costs, if necessary.

Explosive Odor Recognition Assessment (Optional):

The main purpose of the Explosive Odor Recognition Assessment is not meant to be a pass / fail test but rather an assessment tool by the Master Trainer on the first day of the training / certification workshop. The Odor Recognition Assessment is designed to assess the canine's ability to detect the required explosive odors and to improve the K-9 team's proficiency on the odors they're having difficulty detecting. This is NOT a NAPWDA Certification and will only be noted on the test sheet under the "Master Trainer Comments" section.

The Explosive Odor Recognition Assessment is strictly optional at the discretion of the Master Trainer. If the Master Trainer has a large number of K-9 Teams, he/she may not have time to conduct an Odor Recognition Assessment. If the Master Trainer chooses, he/she can attempt to imprint the canine on the odors missed in the Explosive Odor Recognition Assessment. The K-9 Team can choose to attempt certification regardless of the Canine Teams' performance in the odor recognition Assessment.

The Explosive Odor Recognition Assessment is not meant to replace any other federal, state or local agencies Odor Recognition Test or program. The following is a guideline in setting up the Explosive Odor Recognition Assessment:

The Odor Recognition Assessment consists of 20 one-gallon metal paint cans, concrete blocks. Inside each one gallon can or block should be a smaller quart can. The purpose of the smaller quart paint can is to hold the training aid and to help prevent the dogs from getting the explosive training aids. The smaller quart paint cans should have lids on them with a minimum of eight (8) 1/16-inch diameter holes in each lid.

The selection and quantity of explosives used in the Odor Recognition Assessment are left up to the discretion of the Master Trainer. The selection of explosives / oxidizers used should be from the approved list of basic odors, oxidizers or improvised explosives. The intent is to use the same odors in the assessment that will be used during the certification test. Caution should still be taken to prevent the canines from getting the training aids. The containers can be set up in a straight line or a large circle.

Many agencies who currently have odor recognition test are mission specific. Some agencies are looking for trace amounts as well as larger amounts. Many other agencies don't want their canine's threshold brought down so low. Each one of these mission specific canine programs plays a particularly important role in fighting both domestic and international terrorism. Our Master Trainers work with a wide range of canine teams with different missions. The intent of giving the Master Trainers the discretion on the amounts is to give the Master Trainer flexibility in working with these different teams without changing the way the canine teams have been trained.

The containers used in the Odor Recognition Assessment should be one-gallon metal cans or 8 in. x 8 in. x 16 in. concrete blocks. The containers used should be kept as sterile as possible. Note: If training with peroxide-based explosives i.e. TATP and HMTD, concrete blocks should be used for safety reasons.

Each large circle or straight line should have ten (10) one-gallon paint cans with a quart can inside evenly spaced about 3 feet apart from each other. Five (5) of the cans in each circle or straight line should have a small amount of a target explosive odor. At the discretion of the Master Trainer, the five (5) other one-gallon cans in each circle or straight line will contain small amounts of distracter odors commonly found during searches i.e. but not limited to; dried cat food / dog food, pieces of rubber gloves, pieces of canine reward toys.

The canine should show a change in behavior and a recognizable passive alert on each can or block containing an explosive training aid. The canine should detect all 10 explosives odors with no team miss. To make the cans more stable so the dogs will not knock them over, each one-gallon can should be screwed down to a 12-inch x 12-inch square piece of plywood board using a 1/2 inch screw. Cost of the materials and equipment is the responsibility of the host or requesting agency.

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NORTH AMERICAN POLICE WORK DOG ASSOCIATION

ACCELERANT DETECTION TEST

This test will determine the proficiency and reliability of dogs in the detection of accelerant odors in a variety of realistic search scenarios. The only Associate member permitted to test in Accelerant Detection is an active firefighter that is the canine handler or trainer with their fire department and is assigned arson investigation duties through the use of the trained Accelerant K9 for that department. This test certification will not be valid for any private or non-Fire/Law Enforcement Department investigation.

The Associate member accelerant canine handler must provide the testing Master Trainer(s) Proof of Completion of the following courses prior to testing:

1. Crime Scene Preservation Course
2. HAZMAT Awareness Course
3. Blood borne Pathogens Course
4. NIMS and ICS Training Courses, IS-100.B, IS-700.A, IS-200.B, IS-800.C (Formerly IS-800.B).

The testing Master Trainer will attach the submitted proof of completion of the above courses to the certification test sheet that he/she will send in to the NAPWDA secretary who will issue the associate member certification certificate.

Modified Double Blind (REQUIRED):

- A minimum of one search scenario shall be conducted using a modified double-blind format, where the certifying Master Trainer, and any other parties with knowledge of the exercise content, cannot be seen by the canine or handler being tested while they are conducting the search.
- The modified double-blind exercise search will be documented on the test sheet by entering “MDB” in the “Location of Aid” field of the search.
- The selection of the search exercise using this format will be at the discretion of the Master Trainer.

For certification the team CANNOT miss more than one (1) aid in all phases of testing. A “team miss” is defined as any incorrect response by the K9 team. If the testing K9 team has more than one (1) team miss, which is a failure, then the K9 team MUST RETEST in ALL PHASES AND in ALL ODORS that they are seeking accreditation for. It is recommended that the testing be done over a two (2) day period or more. However, this is only a recommendation and the final decision shall rest with the Master Trainer. All aids will be placed at least five (5) minutes prior to testing. As defined by the NAPWDA accelerant detection rules for testing, the minimum acceptable level required to pass is 91.6%.

For the purpose of these certification rules, the term “Aid” is a sample of an accelerant that has been poured or dropped in an area.

All canines must be tested on nine (9) different accelerant odors made up of three (3) odors from each division of heavy, medium, and light hydrocarbons. The odors that may be used to test each division are as follows:

<u>Heavy</u>	<u>Medium</u>	<u>Light</u>
1.) #2 Fuel Oil	1.) Paint & Varnish Remover	1.) Charcoal Lighter Fluid
2.) Diesel Fuel	2.) Lacquer Thinner	2.) Paint Thinner
3.) Gum Turpentine	3.) Kerosene	3.) Naphtha
4.) Lamp Oil	4.) Gasoline	4.) Dry Gas
5.) Transmission Fluid	5.) Gasohol	5.) Acetone
6.) Jet-A-Fuel	6.) Octane	6.) Coleman Fuel

It shall be the responsibility of the agencies / K9 teams being tested to provide samples of all accelerant odors.

The Master Trainer will select the odors used to test each division at random from these samples.

The maximum amount used for testing shall be ¼ cup and the minimum amount shall be one (1) drop from a hypodermic syringe and needle. Each area tested will contain a minimum of three (3) aids and a maximum of four (4) aids with each being a different accelerant odor. The handler will not be told the number or type of accelerant aids they are searching for.

Five (5) areas will be provided for testing. The canine team will be tested in four (4) of the five (5) areas. The five (5) areas will be:

- 1.) Structure / Fire Scene
- 2.) Open Area
- 3.) Paint Can Line Up
- 4.) Clothing Line Up
- 5.) Vehicle Interior

The areas will be picked by availability.

Structure / Fire Scene: The structure / fire scene search shall consist of either an intact structure or the site of a structure fire. If a structure fire scene is selected, the fire must have occurred not less than eight hours nor more than three months prior to the test being conducted. The size of the area used for testing shall be not less than 1600 square feet or more than 2400 square feet. The dog will be searched through the area prior to aids being placed to ensure that no accelerant odors are present in the search area. The aids may be placed anywhere from a height of four (4) feet to a depth of three (3) inches under debris or ash.

Open Area Search: Open area shall be defined as: 1.) Exterior of buildings. 2.) Open Fields. 3.) Wooded area. 4.) Any outside area not covered in above. The area is to be no larger than 100 yards by 100 yards and no smaller than 50 yards by 50 yards or any configuration thereof. Aids used in this search shall consist of a minimum of ¼ cup of accelerant poured on the ground or a container concealed in the area containing at least 1/8 cup of accelerant.

Paint Can Line Up: It shall be the responsibility of the agencies / K9 Teams being tested to provide the correct number of properly prepared paint cans for this test. A minimum of six (6) and a maximum of ten (10) unused one gallon paint cans, each containing burned wood, paper and plastic material are placed in a line a minimum of three (3) feet apart. No accelerant material is used to prepare the ash samples. If the dog to be tested indicates aggressively (scratching & biting) lids are placed on the paint cans with a minimum of eight (8) 1/16-inch diameter holes in each lid.

Clothing Line Up: A minimum of six (6) and a maximum of ten (10) piles of recently worn clothes are placed in a line a minimum of three (3) feet apart.

Vehicle Interior: A minimum of six (6) and a maximum of ten (10) vehicles of any type or model are parked in a line (such as a parking lot) so as to allow the team to have access to each vehicle. All aids will be placed in the interior (passenger compartment) of the vehicles and the teams will confine the search to the vehicle interiors only.

Prior to the first team entering the test area a person and canine will be walked through the testing area. Each handler shall brief the Master Trainer as to the dog's alert and response to aids prior to testing and each indication to an aid by the canine should be obvious to the Master Trainer. Prior to each phase the Master Trainer shall explain each problem that will be encountered by the handler such as boundaries, starting point, etc.

There is no time limit for a team to complete each phase of testing; however, the Master Trainer may stop the test once it has been made evident that the team cannot locate the aids.

All tests given the Accelerant Detection Team will be on a pass/fail basis. The Master Trainer will determine if the team will be certified upon the completion of the test. The handler and dog will be considered as a team, and it is the team who will be certified. If the dog changes handlers, a new team exists, and the team will need to be certified.

This certification will be valid for one (1) year from the date of issue as defined in Certification Validity paragraph. It should be noted that normal training and retraining must be conducted to maintain and enhance the teams' capability. There will be no fee charged for NAPWDA certification testing. A fee may be imposed to cover expenses of travel, lodging and meals only, if necessary.

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NORTH AMERICAN POLICE WORK DOG ASSOCIATION

CADAVER SEARCH TEST

The obedience test must be passed during the current consecutive maximum 7-day testing period prior to attempting certification this test. This test is designed to evaluate the K9 Team's ability and proficiency in searching designated areas for the scent of a cadaver. Any display of aggression by the K9 during any part of this test will constitute a failure.

The Associate member SAR canine handler must provide the testing Master Trainer(s) Proof of Completion of the following courses prior to testing:

1. Crime Scene Preservation Course
2. HAZMAT Awareness Course
3. Blood borne Pathogens Course
4. NIMS and ICS Training Courses, IS-100.B, IS-700.A, IS-200.B, IS-800.C (Formerly IS-800.B).

The testing Master Trainer will attach the submitted proof of completion of the above courses to the certification test sheet that he/she will send in to the NAPWDA secretary who will issue the associate member certification certificate.

For certification the team CANNOT miss more than one (1) aid in all phases of testing. A "team miss" is defined as any incorrect response by the K9 team. If the testing K9 team has more than one (1) team miss, which is a failure, then the K9 team MUST RETEST in ALL PHASES AND in ALL ODORS that they are seeking accreditation for.

Except for the building and the water searches, the minimum search area must be 50 yards by 50 yards. The area size for the building and water searches will be at the discretion of the Master Trainer.

One test area will Not contain an aid. At least one of the test areas will contain the remains of an animal.

A total of twelve (12), legally obtained aids must be provided by the handler; six (6) of the aids must be less than three (3) months old and six (6) must be more than three (3) months old. Each must consist of bone, decomposition fluid and/or soft tissue.

Pseudo aids are Not acceptable.

Safety Equipment for Rubble Searches:

Mandatory:

Standard work/duty clothing to include long pants, work gloves and work type boots with ankle support.

Recommended:

- Helmet (ANSI rated Z89.1-1997 Type 1)
- Safety Boots (ANSI Z41 PT99 M1/75 C/75)
- Eye Protection (ANSI Z-87.1)
- Knee Pads

TYPES OF SEARCHES TO BE PERFORMED:

NOTE ** Building Search (#4) and Vehicle Search (#6) are mandatory searches. At least one of the test areas will contain the remains of an animal.

- 1.) Two (2) scent hides will be placed in a rubble area, simulating a collapsed building.
- 2.) Two (2) scent hides will be covered with dirt, leaves, brush, or tree branches.
- 3.) Twelve hours before testing, two (2) scent hides will be buried in a highly vegetated area. There will be a minimum of 20 feet in all directions between holes. The aids must be at least three (3) months of age and be buried to the depth of 10 inches from the top of the training aid to the ground surface. A minimum of five (5) holes will be dug. Revised 11-16-13
- 4.) Two (2) scent hides will be placed in an elevated position a minimum of six (6) feet from the ground level or floor. One (1) elevated scent hide will be in a building/structure and one (1) elevated scent hide outdoors.
- 5.) Two (2) scent hides will be submerged in a minimum of two (2) feet of water for a minimum of thirty (30) minutes prior to the test or if a boat is available will be submerged in a minimum of six (6) feet of water for a minimum of 30 minutes prior to the test. The choice will be at the discretion of the Master Trainer.
- 6.) A minimum of five (5) vehicles will be utilized, two (2) of which will contain a scent hide placed at least one-half (1/2) hour prior to the search.

An optional searching area may be substituted for one of the above areas, except number 4 or 6. It is: 7.) Two (2) scent hides will be placed in an organic or inorganic rubbish pile.

To certify, a team must successfully find at least eleven (11) of the twelve (12) scent hides.

Modified Double Blind (REQUIRED):

- A minimum of one search scenario shall be conducted using a modified double-blind format, where the certifying Master Trainer, and any other parties with knowledge of the exercise content, cannot be seen by the canine or handler being tested while they are conducting the search.
- The modified double-blind exercise search will be documented on the test sheet by entering “MDB” in the “Location of Aid” field of the search.
- The selection of the search exercise using this format will be at the discretion of the Master Trainer.

Handler: The handler will advise the Master Trainer how the dog will indicate. He/She may enter the search area to direct the dog. This test may be done on or off lead. The dog's indication must be obvious to the Master Trainer.

NOTE There will be a break between searches.

All tests given the Cadaver Search Team will be on a pass/fail basis. The Master Trainer will determine if the team will be certified upon the completion of the test. The handler and dog will be considered as a team, and it is the team who will be certified. If the dog changes handlers, a new team exists and the team will need to be certified.

This certification will be valid for one (1) year from the date of issue as defined in Certification Validity paragraph. There will be no fee charged for NAPWDA certification testing. A fee may be imposed to cover expenses of travel, lodging and meals only, if necessary.

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NORTH AMERICAN POLICE WORK DOG ASSOCIATION

WILDLIFE SEARCH TEST

This test is designed to test the proficiency and reliability of dogs in the detection of wild game (wildlife). As defined by the NAPWDA wildlife detection rules for testing, the minimum acceptable level required to pass is 91.66%. The safety of the detection dog will be the sole responsibility of the handler. The general rules for testing wildlife detection dogs will be as follows:

- 1) The “reward toy or object” used during a wildlife detection certification test, to reward the dog upon finding a wildlife hide WILL NOT contain any portion of the target wildlife.
- 2) All odors attempting to be certified in WILL be hidden in ALL areas tested in. Conflict odors will be present in all testing areas. Before beginning the test, the handler will inform the Master Trainer what the trained final response of the dog is to the target odors. A non-target species specimen will be present in at least one search area unknown to the handler. The dog must not give its trained final response to the non-target specimen and the handler must not call an alert to it. Either of these will be considered a team miss.
- 3) All searches will include two (2) blank uncontaminated areas to be searched, e.g., vehicle, room, luggage, locker, area, etc.
- 4) Testing will be conducted in at least three (3) areas.
Areas of concealment are:
 - a) Buildings. Mandatory Search
 - b) Vehicle (which can include automobiles, watercraft, aircraft, etc.) Mandatory Search
 - c) Other (area [minimum of 2500 square feet], packages, lockers, luggage/containers, etc.)
 - d) If luggage, any type of package or container is used, there will be a minimum of fifteen (15) pieces used for testing.
 - e) If lockers are used, there will be a minimum of twenty-five (25) lockers used for testing.
- 5) A “team miss” is defined as any incorrect response by the K9 team.
- 6) Only one (1) miss total overall of all odors attempted to be certified in, will be permitted for a successful “pass” certification. If the testing K9 team has more than one (1) miss, which is a failure, then the K9 team MUST RETEST in ALL PHASES and in ALL ODORS that they are seeking accreditation for.
- 7) Wildlife successfully certified in will be listed by their scientific names (genus and species) on the certification certificate.
- 8) The Master Trainer will place the aids in locations unknown to the team. Hides may be high or low.
- 9) Quantities: For large species (described as any species whose potential adult weight is 100 lbs. or greater) scent materials will be no less than ½ lb. in weight. For smaller species the scent materials will be no less than one ounce in weight. This will be at the discretion of the Master Trainer based upon species size and availability.
- 10) Handler must provide verifiable testing materials along with the scientific (Genus and species) names of the target wildlife. For large species, materials must be taken from the upper torso of the animal. Pseudo materials WILL NOT be used for certification purposes.
 - 10.1) Methods of verifying testing materials:
 - a) Certificate of Authenticity from a recognized laboratory, veterinarian, or wildlife biologist.
 - b) Scent material must be reasonably fresh as determined by the Master Trainer.
 - 11) When testing in three (3) or more odors of wildlife, a minimum of one (1) hide of each odor attempted to be certified in WILL be hidden in the building search and in the “Other” search, tested in.
 - 12) When testing in three (3) or more odors of wildlife, a minimum of one (1) hide of each odor attempted to be certified in hidden INSIDE the vehicle and a minimum of one (1) hide of the SAME ODOR hidden on the outside of the vehicle, thus making a TOTAL of two (2) hides of EACH ODOR attempted to be certified in for the vehicle portion of the wildlife detection certification test. There will be at least two (2) blank uncontaminated vehicles searched/used during this test.
 - 13) If only one (1) odor is attempted to be certified in there WILL be a minimum of twelve (12) total finds, consisting of a minimum four (4) hides in building search, minimum four (4) hides – two (2) inside and two (2) out-side a vehicle and a minimum 4 hides in the “Other” search. There will be at least two (2) blank uncontaminated vehicles searched/used during this test.

14) If two (2) odors are attempted to be certified in, there WILL be a minimum of twelve (12) total finds, consisting of a minimum of two (2) hides of each odor in the building search, a minimum of two (2) finds of each odor –one (1) of each odor inside and one (1) of each odor outside a vehicle, and a minimum of two (2) hides of each odor in the “Other” search. There will be at least two (2) blank uncontaminated vehicles searched/used during thistest.

15) Time limits on searches will be at the discretion of the Master Trainer and so long as the Master Trainer determines that the team is still working.

Modified Double Blind (REQUIRED):

- A minimum of one search scenario shall be conducted using a modified double-blind format, where the certifying Master Trainer, and any other parties with knowledge of the exercise content, cannot be seen by the canine or handler being tested while they are conducting the search.
- The modified double-blind exercise search will be documented on the test sheet by entering “MDB” in the “Location of Aid” field of the search.
- The selection of the search exercise using this format will be at the discretion of the Master Trainer.

All tests given the Wildlife Search Team will be on a pass/fail basis. The Master Trainer will determine if the team will be certified upon the completion of the test. The handler and dog will be considered as a team, and it is the team who will be certified. If the dog changes handlers, a new team exists and the team will need to be certified.

This certification will be valid for one (1) year from the date of issue as defined in Certification Validity paragraph. There will be no fee charged for NAPWDA certification testing. A fee may be imposed to cover expenses of travel, lodging and meals only, if necessary.

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