

Class Title: K-9 Area Search Tactics

Class Length: 2 hours, plus a 1 to 3 hour field exercise following the classroom time if feasible.

Class Description: This course will help the K-9 Team (human half) become better able to develop decent initial tactics with which to start the search of an area. It should also prepare you to be better able to adapt those tactics to changing conditions and information. It is intended for **both** experienced handlers (trailing and/or air scent), and new handlers /handlers in training. The principal learning will be through discussion of factors affecting searches, map problems and discussion of the possible ways of approaching each map scenario, relying on input not only from instructors, but from the experienced handlers in the class. The class will cover "The Metereology of Scent" (scent behavior). There will also be a discussion of estimation of coverage and why it is important not to "wing it." Plan on a field exercise following the class if feasible, but not necessarily immediately, or even on the same day.