

# Human Remains Detector Dog standards

There will be two certifying officials present for the certification

Area to be used will be at the discretion of the certifying officials but should include,

Five (5) areas will be used for testing purposes, these areas can be urban, wilderness, water, or debris depending what is available at the certification site.

Each search area should be approximately 50' x 50' (or 5,000 sq. ft.) of terrain where dog will be asked to work.

Zero (0) to two (2) scent sources will be located in each search area.

Each search area must be completed in 20 minutes.

Scent sources may be buried (no more than 12 inches), on surface or placed above surface (no higher than 4 feet) in each area.

One area should be blank of any target odor. Other areas should contain one distracting odor inside of the search area.

If water is to be used as an area, certifying officials will assure that all teams have proper safety equipment in use.

Dog will wear only on duty equipment

All finds will be placed a minimum of 30 minutes prior to testing

Certifying officials may terminate certification at any time

Certifying officials must be notified of any protest at the conclusion of the certification. If the protest cannot be resolved it must be put in writing and submitted to the chairman of the standards committee within 48 hours for resolution

If the team fails certification, the team must wait 1 day before attempting to certify again.