

CANINE SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM – WILDERNESS TRACKING/TRAILING

DESCRIPTION			
RESOURCE CATEGORY	Search and Rescue	RESOURCE KIND	Team
OVERALL FUNCTION	COMPOSITION AND ORDERING SPECIFICATIONS		

RESOURCE TYPES			TYPE 1	TYPE 2	TYPE 3	TYPE 4
COMPONENT	METRIC/ MEASURE	CAPABILITY				
Personnel	Dog Team		Same as Type IV	Same as Type IV	Same as Type IV	1 Dog 1 Handler 1 Support Person
NOTES: Not Specified						
Personnel	Equipment		Personally equipped for 24 hours for dog/handler First Aid for both human and dog Radio communications	Same as Type I	Same as Type I	Same as Type I
NOTES: Not Specified						
Team	Search Capabilities		Capable of trailing in wilderness terrain Aged 24+ hours; 1 mile or longer; Heavy contamination	Capable of trailing in wilderness terrain Aged 4-12 hours; 1 mile or longer; Heavy contamination	Capable of trailing in wilderness terrain Aged 1.5-4 hours; .5-1 mile; Heavy contamination	Capable of trailing in wilderness terrain Aged 0-1.5 hours; .25-.5 mile; Heavy contamination
NOTES: Not Specified						
Personnel	Knowledge		Wilderness survival skills Capable of establishing and maintaining direction of travel First Aid for both human and dog Personal/ dog safety Skill in collection of scent articles	Same as Type I	Same as Type I	Same as Type I
NOTES: Not Specified						

RESOURCE TYPES			TYPE 5	TYPE 6	TYPE 7	TYPE 8
COMPONENT	METRIC/ MEASURE	CAPABILITY				
Personnel	Dog Team		Same as Type IV			
			NOTES: Not Specified			
Personnel	Equipment		N/A			
			NOTES: Not Specified			
Team	Search Capabilities		Discriminating (scent source must be available)			
			NOTES: Not Specified			
Personnel	Knowledge		N/A			
			NOTES: Not Specified			

COMMENTS

1. As these dogs use scent articles, they are commonly referred to as trailing dogs. However, occasionally, a unit may refer to such dogs as tracking dogs. They do have the capability of human discrimination between sources with the aid of a provided scent source. Care should be taken to determine if a tracking dog requires the use of an article or not.
2. Note: Many of these resources are capable of searching in a disaster environment, such as a wilderness team in outlying areas of a tornado zone, etc. It is critical that canine management personnel, knowledgeable in multiuse of canine resources, are available to Incident Command. This will not necessarily be reflected in this document.

NOTE

Nationally typed resources represent the minimum criteria for the associated component and capability.