



SHREVEPORT FIRE DEPARTMENT
K-9 SEARCH AND RESCUE TASK FORCE

**Annual Search and Rescue
Working Seminar and Training**

March 15-20, 2009

**Scottsville Camp and Conference Center
(Scottsville, TX)**

Cost: \$250.00

Cost includes meals on site, snack lunches in the field, and lodging

Featuring Seminar Instructors

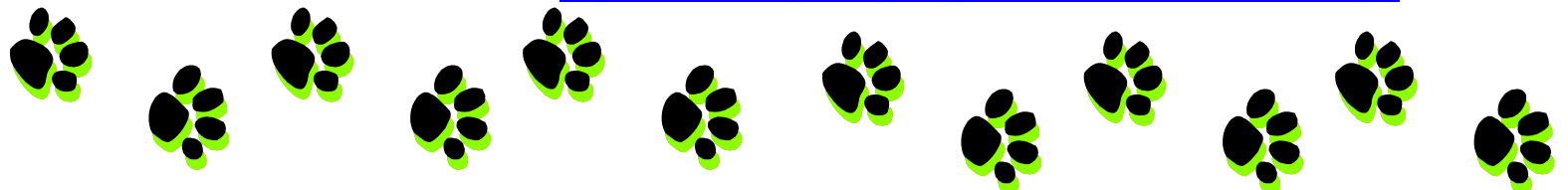
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Seminar information can be found at: <http://www.shreveportla.gov/dept/fire/one/SeminarInformation.pdf>



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Seminar Overview

This will be a Working Seminar geared towards teaching those new to Search and Rescue the basic skills to proceed, and for those who have working dogs, we will offer them a challenge through our dedicated staff of instructors. Areas of training offered this year include land and water cadaver, wilderness air scenting, and trailing. The areas around and within the camp offers a vast multitude of wilderness and urban searches.

For cadaver students, we have a large, old graveyard that will offer an unusual look into buried and historical work within 100 yards of the camp. This site includes collapsed, concaved, and very old plots. A lake on site will offer water work, and the surrounding area will be utilized for all other training. All sites are within 10 miles of the camp. All other training will take place on site or within the immediate area with over 2000 acres to choose from.

Those working trailing and air scenting will have multiple locations to train.

All classes will be limited to afford the proper Instructor / Student ratio which we hope will maximize time with each student.

- * Non K-9 Attendees are welcome. Due to expenses, we cannot provide discounts for this.
- * The Seminar agenda and map to the site can be found on our web site
- * **Please be sure to include canine shot records.**

Please registrar on or before **February 1, 2009** to guarantee your spot.

We have limited the amount of students to allow a better student / Instructor ratio. This year will be as follows:

Trailing limited to 18-20 student

Air Scenting limited to 18-20 students

Cadaver limited to 18 – 20 students

Cost/Lodging Overview

Cost is \$250 per person. Cost includes meals on site, snack lunches in the field, and lodging. Cabin options are as follows: (Note additional charges).

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| 1. | Bunkrooms w/community baths that are large and spacious. | No extra Cost |
| 2. | Individual cabins that sleep 2 parties, and have a joint bathroom between each unit. (19 units) | \$20.00 / each night |
| 3. | RV location on site w/ full utility connections on site | \$10.00 / each night |

Click [<here>](#) for Scottsville Camp and Conference Center for additional camp information.

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Additional Training

If you have a need for any of the classes below, we will offer them as time permits. Our goal is to offer a minimum of 3 classes which will be decided by the amount of applications for each. We will instruct and certify those who wish to participate. The classes may need to be done during mourning sessions which would mean the handler may need to miss a mourning of canine work. We will try to accommodate the best we can. We will offer the classes below according to the amount of students that request the class:

- Airborne/blood borne pathogens
- Confined Space Awareness
- Intro to Structural Collapse
- Hazmat Awareness
- Man Trailing
- NIMS 700, 800 100, 200 (We will attempt to setup a computer lab so students can go on line and complete these with the assistance of SFD personnel)
- Canine First Aid
- Map / compass
- GPS
- Crime scene preservation
- Courtroom testimony
- NIMS Credentialing

* It is planned that students will have breakout sessions each morning from 8-10 and in the evening from 7-9 if needed. This will allow students to receive the maximum amount of available classroom programs we can offer and still make the best of field time.

This is a new venture, so please be patient as we try to work through the training issues.

* We are asking all participants to bring with them a team picture that we will place on a community bulletin board at the seminar. We want everyone to know who you are and what you do if you wish.

* Bring Auction items as this is one of the methods used to offset expenses of the seminar.

* We will offer a professional photographer who will be on site if anyone wishes to have a photo of their team. This will be at a minimal charge to each team.

Certifications / Evaluations

We will be offering several Certifications / Evaluations at the seminar.

All applicants MUST submit their application prior to February 1, 2009 for any of the above training and/or certifications/evaluations. Their will be no exceptions, PLEASE.

Trailing: Mark Holmes will provide certifications/evaluations in this field. Go to _____ to find guidelines. (US Man Trailing Association)

Trailing: Jeff Schettler will offer a Basic and Advanced Trailing certifications/evaluations in this field. Go to <http://www.tacticaltrackerteams.com/214.html> to find more information. Cost is **25.00 per canine**.

Air Scenting and Cadaver certifications / evaluations will be provided by Brad Dennis and Sarah Garfunkel. They will provide the following:

NASAR SAR Tech III written test - 55.00
 NASAR SAR Tech II written test and practical test - 100.00
 NASAR SAR Tech III HRD - 55.00
 NASAR SAR Tech III Air Scenting - 55.00
 NASAR SAR Tech II Air Scenting - 55.00
 NASAR Search Management Tech Awareness Level

The Shreveport Fire Department will also provide evaluations and certifications following their written procedures which can be found at <http://www.shreveportla.gov/dept/fire/one/K9TeamGuidelines.pdf>.

Brad Dennis and Sarah Garfunkel will also help with this as will Chief Foster. These certifications will be offered by levels.

Cadaver Certification - 25.00
 Air Scenting Certification - 25.00
 Trailing Certification - 25.00

Sarah Garfunkel will be offering the AKC CGC Certification

All participants wishing to take advantage of any of these programs must registrar early.



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PARTICIPANT'S APPLICATION

DOG REGISTRATION

Dog's name: _____

Age: _____ Breed: _____

Specialty: _____

You must provide current shot records for your dog.

PARTICIPANT'S REGISTRATION

Organization represented: _____ Amount enclosed: _____

Printed name of participant: _____

Mailing address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone Number: () _____

RELEASE AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE

I, _____, the undersigned, having requested the right to participate in a seminar held at Scottsville Camp & Conference Center from March 15-20, 2009. Such an enrollment having been made of my own initiative, and I, specifically understand and acknowledge that I am aware that there are inherent dangers and risk in the training and evaluation of handlers and their canines, and I, fully understand that if I am to participate in the seminar, I accept the inherent dangers and risk to me and my canine(s).

Now, therefore, in consideration for permitting me to participate in such training and/or activities, I hereby waive and release the instructors, Scottsville Camp & Conference Center owners, individual members of the Shreveport Fire Department Search and Rescue Task Force, The City of Shreveport, and the K-9 Search and Rescue Support Group, from all claims, rights, or causes of actions accruing in my favor as a result of personal injuries or loss or damage of property, (including my canine/s) caused during such training or activity in conjunction with this seminar dated March 15-20, 2009, including arrival and departure dates, and such waiver and release SHALL APPLY on behalf of myself and all who may hereafter claim through or for me.

Signature of participant: _____ Date: _____

PROPERTY DAMAGE AGREEMENT

My signature also indicates, that I understand and agree that I am responsible for any and all damages caused by me and/or my canine(s), including but not limited to, property damage and/or injuries to individuals and/or their canine(s) during my activities associated with the seminar at Scottsville Camp & Conference Center Scheduled for March 15-20, 2009. In addition to the aforementioned payment of damages, said individual(s) and their canine(s) in violation of this agreement may be expelled from the training or activities with no refund.

Facility rules that participants further agrees to:

- * All canines shall be on leash or crated when not with the owner, except when they are being worked.
- * You must clean up after your dog.
- * Dogs are not allowed in the dining area.
- * You must bring a crate or pen for your dog, (or other suitable containment method, [Check with staff])
- * Parents assume full responsibility for any other person(s) attending the seminar.
- * Your seminar staff will not be responsible for any loss, injury, or death to any person or animal while in attendance at this seminar.

Signature of participant _____ Date: _____

Mail to: K-9 Seminar, c/o Canine SAR Support Group, Attn: Chief Kerry W. Foster 10121 Lasso Lane Shreveport, La. 71106
Make payable to: Canine SAR Support Group



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CERTIFICATION / EVALUATION

Dog's name: _____

Age: _____

Breed: _____

Specialty: _____

Please list the Certification / Evaluation you wish to take:

Please complete one application for each certification / evaluation you wish to take.

Certification: _____

Evaluation: _____

PARTICIPANT'S REGISTRATION

Organization represented: _____ Amount enclosed: _____

Printed name of participant: _____

Mailing address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone Number: () _____

Email address: _____

I understand that the ruling from the Instructor concerning my certification / evaluation is final and there will be no appeal process or re-evaluation.

If the instructor wishes to discuss your evaluation with you at a later date, it will be at the discretion of said instructor / evaluator.

All guidelines / rules for each certification / evaluation will be listed with a site to review the qualifications for each.

All teams wishing to receive a certification / evaluation shall have said application in no later than February 1, 2009.

NO EXCEPTIONS

Members will be notified when to arrive for their certification / evaluation.

Print name: _____

Signature of participant _____ Date: _____

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