

AZSAR K9CON 2012 Registration Packet

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AZSAR K9CON 2012

APRIL 26TH - APRIL 29TH, 2012

Hosted by Coconino County Sheriff's Office K9 Unit

911 E. Sawmill Road, Flagstaff, AZ 86001

Registration fee: \$90.00 (Includes dinner on Thursday, 3 meals on Friday, 3 meals on Saturday, and breakfast on Sunday.)

Conference Hotel: Super 8 928-774-4581 602 W. Route 66, Flagstaff, AZ

\$59.99 per night + \$10.00 canine fee. **Advise them you are with AZSAR K9CON**

Other dog friendly hotels in area: EconoLodge 928-774-7701

AZ Mountain Inn 928-774-8959

Comfort Inn 928-774-2225

La Quinta 928-556-8666

The conference is limited to 60 participants.

Each field session is limited to 10 to 12 K9 teams and unlimited observers without K9's.

In order to keep the conference at last year's price we need your help. You can do this by purchasing raffle tickets and shirts for the event. Thank you for your assistance.

All classroom instruction will be held at the Coconino County Sheriff's Office Facility with fieldwork taking place in urban, rural and forested areas around Flagstaff. The Disaster class will be at the County Yard.

To reserve a space via e-mail send your name, phone number and your fieldwork class choices to azsark9con@gmail.com. Within 2 weeks of e-mail submission all participants must mail in all registration paperwork and payment to: Coconino County Sheriff's SAR Unit, Attn: Sgt. Aaron Dick, 911 E. Sawmill Road, Flagstaff, AZ 86001. Checks should be made out to AZ SAR Coordinators.

Registration is first come first served. Payment and all paperwork must be received prior to April 15, 2012. All cancellations must be received prior to April 1, 2012 in order to receive a refund for payment made. Fees are non-refundable after April 1st, 2012.

Any questions call Cindy McArthur 928-308-0948 or Diane Christian 928-607-0428.

AZSAR K9CON REGISTRATION

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Team Affiliation: _____ E-mail: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City/State: _____

How many SAR K9s will you be bringing? _____ Arrival day: Thurs Fri Sat Sun

Indicate how many raffle tickets you will be purchasing _____

Amount enclosed for the raffle tickets \$ _____

Name and phone you would like to appear on the tickets: _____

Fieldwork Sessions: Indicate your 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choice options below. Mark only one for each choice option. Each participant will be allowed to attend ONE field class only with their K9, they can observe at any class anytime. Attendance is limited to (10-12) K9 teams per field class, you will only be contacted if your first choice is not available.

Air scent Beginning/Intermediate	first	second	third
Air scent Advanced	first	second	third
HRD Beginner/Intermediate	first	second	third
HRD Advanced	first	second	third
Disaster Beginning/Intermediate	first	second	third
Disaster Advanced	first	second	third
Trailing	first	second	third

Submit by mail the following documents:

Registration form, Informed Consent and Waiver of Liability form, K9 Rules Form, Shirt Order Form and full payment by check made out to AZ SAR Coordinators. to 911 E. Sawmill Road, Flagstaff, AZ 86001 attn: Sgt. Aaron Dick. If you registered with e-mail make sure all paperwork is submitted within 2 weeks of making e-mail reservations.

Registration is first come first served. Payment and all paperwork must be received prior to April 1, 2012. Fees are non-refundable after April 1, 2012.



Informed Consent and Waiver of Liability

NAME: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

HOME PHONE _____ CELL PHONE _____

NEXT OF KIN _____ PHONE # _____

INFORMED CONSENT: As a participant in Search and Rescue Training you may be introduced into a potentially hazardous environment which may subject you to injury or place your life in jeopardy. These situations are a part of search and rescue operations and the training for such operations. The Arizona Sheriff's Search and Rescue Coordinators Association wants you to know that hazards exist in search and rescue operations and search and rescue training and that we cannot guarantee your safety while you participate in these activities.

WAIVER OF LIABILITY: The above named participant hereby agrees to indemnify and save harmless the Arizona Sheriff's Search and Rescue Coordinators Association, the claims, demands, suits, and proceedings by others and against all liability which may directly or indirectly arise out of any situation or action, whatsoever, while participating in activities sponsored by the Arizona Sheriff's Search and Rescue Coordinators Association, its members, or its contractors.

_____ My signature confirms that I have read, understand, and agree to the Informed Consent and Waiver of Liability statements.

Participants Signature _____ Date _____

As the parent/guardian of _____, I grant my permission for him/her to participate in the SAR related activity and have read, understand, and agree to the Informed Consent and Waiver of Liability.

Parent/Guardian((print) _____ Signature _____ Date _____

WITNESS (print) _____ Signature _____ DATE _____

K9 Rules for AZSAR K9CON

1. All participants with K9's must complete and sign this form to participate in the conference.
2. Only SAR dogs will be permitted at AZSAR K9CON. The definition of a SAR dog is a dog that is specifically trained or is in training to find lost, missing, deceased individuals or human remains.
3. Dogs must be obedient and under the handler's control at all times and are the sole responsibility of the handler.
4. Do not leave your dog unattended unless properly crated or safe in your vehicle.
5. If you bring your K9 into the classroom, be respectful of other K9 teams and keep an appropriate distance.
6. Dogs must wear appropriate ID vests while at the conference facility.
7. Dogs must be on lead at all times except when in training class requiring off lead work.
8. Dogs will be allowed in the LEAF Auditorium and SAR Building Classrooms during class.
9. Dogs will not be allowed in the LEAF Auditorium during meal times.
10. Dogs must not show aggression to other dogs or people. Any dog that bites or attempts to bite a human will be asked to leave immediately. If a serious problem develops with dog aggression that leads to disruption and is persistent, the dog(s) will be asked to leave.
11. Handlers must promptly clean up after their K9 partners.
12. Dogs on leash are to be kept at least 10 feet away from other dogs to avoid unnecessary conflicts.
13. No video recording is permitted, photographs may be allowed at faculty discretion.

I agree to abide by the above rules.

Date: _____ Number of K9's: _____

Team Affiliation: _____

Handler Printed Name: _____

Handler Signature: _____



Help support the AZSAR K-9CON by purchasing a truly unique shirt. T-shirts \$12.00, long sleeve T-shirts \$16.00, and polo shirts \$16.00. (XXL add an additional \$1.00 per shirt) Please indicate size, color, and quantity of each shirt ordered. Shirts will be ready for pick up at the conference. All shirt orders are due by March 1, 2012. We will only be printing enough shirts to fill the orders.

Full Name: _____ Cell Phone: _____

*Indicate number of each color and size for each shirt ordered.

<u>T-Shirt</u>	<u>Long Sleeve T-Shirt</u>	<u>Polo</u>
# red ____ size ____	# red ____ size ____	#red ____ size ____
# blue ____ size ____	# blue ____ size ____	# blue ____ size ____
# gray ____ size ____	# gray ____ size ____	# gray ____ size ____
Total T-Shirts ____	Total LS T-Shirts ____	Total Polos ____

Total number of shirts ordered: _____

Total amount enclosed: _____



AZSAR K9CON RAFFLE

In order to keep the conference fee low we need your assistance, please purchase raffle tickets. Once again we will be raffling off some great prizes. Please show your support by purchasing raffle tickets at the time you register for the conference.

The drawing will be held on the evening of April 28, 2012 during the AZSAR K9CON banquet, you need not be present to win.

Ticket Prices:

1 for \$1.00

6 for \$5.00

14 for \$10.00

30 for \$20.00

Course Descriptions

Title: GPS Navigation Techniques for K9 Teams

Instructors: Al Astorga and Deb Lauman

Length: 6 hours (2 hr classroom/4 hr fieldwork)

Description:

This class will cover the following:

- ✓ Data collection and processing techniques for GPS users.
- ✓ Comparing GPS devices and Track Logs.
- ✓ How to display on Garmin GPSmap devices non-Garmin topo maps.
- ✓ How to display on the LCD screen of your Garmin GPSmap unit, with a microSD card tray, FS Roads, 1:24K topos and much more.
- ✓ A tabletop exercise using free GIS software to segment search areas and to develop search grids for K9 Teams.
- ✓ How to remain on the assigned search grid using a GPSmap device in “Highway” mode. The setup will be done in the class to be followed by a field exercise.
- ✓ Downloading GPS points and tracks from a K9 search mission for display on a base_map.

To gain the most from this class and field exercise, bring the following hardware, if you have it:

- Garmin GPS device, preferably with extended memory (Any Garmin GPS with an “x” in the model description).
- Laptop or Netbook with Microsoft XP or higher.
- A 2-4 GB Memory Stick
- GPS cables to connect your GPS device to your Laptop or Netbook.

Title: Understanding the Autistic Subject for the K9 Handler

Instructor: Kayla Hardin

Length: 2 hours (power point presentation and discussion)

Description: This class will review the Autism Spectrum Disorder and how to better understand a missing person who has Autism. This class will dispel many myths and go into some of the behaviors of people with Autism. Once these behaviors are understood, a better search plan can be formed.

Title: Introducing HRD to K9s: Finding the Rabbit (Beginning/Intermediate)

Instructor: Natalie Castle, CARDA Mission Ready Handler and Training Group Leader

Length: 8 hours

Description: The importance of finding the deceased and bringing them home to their loved ones cannot be overstated. That is the vital purpose of the Human Remains Detection dog.

In this class, you will

- Use the "Find the Rabbit" game strategy to use the dog's natural drive
- Study the basics that lead to an effective search for human remains
- Discuss the pros and cons of your dog's alert
- Learn how to get a more focused alert from your dog

This class will focus on classroom lecture and discussion as well as hands-on training.

Title: K9 First Responder: Hands-on Field First Aid for K9s

Instructor: Adal Lopez

Length: 4 hours

Description: This class is formatted with the SAR handler in the K9 wilderness first responder role. Plan on plenty of "hands on your dog" time and learn the basic techniques that could save your search dog's life. From a basic physical exam, to stopping bleeding, to treating those cut pads, we will try to cover it all in 4 hours. The skills covered will be practiced with your work partner as your patient, utilizing the proper medical supplies (provided) so that you can get the most out of the class and hone your K9 WFR skills

Title: Advanced Air Scent Fieldwork

Instructors: Chuck Melvin and Mary Helinski

Length: 8 hours

Description: This class will start in the classroom with a 2 hr discussion of area canine search strategy based on a combination of Paws of Life and scent dynamics PowerPoint's. At the conclusion of that discussion, the remainder of the morning will be in the field. Students will work their dogs, and serve as targets or flankers. After each dog is worked, all will be asked to discuss the scent dynamics encountered. The second session will be in a different area with more diverse terrain for more practice working dogs and analysis of search strategy based on scent dynamics.

Title: Writing Training Objectives for your SAR K9

Instructor: Kayla Hardin

Length: 2 hours

Description: Upon completion of this class, students will have a better understanding of how to write a good training objective. Students will learn the basics of writing a good objective and will practice writing sample objectives during the practical portion of the class. These objectives can be very useful in planning for your K9's training goals as well as your own. This class is open to anyone in SAR.

Title: Introduction to Man Tracking

Instructors: Chuck Melvin and Deb Lauman

Length: 4 hours

Description: This presentation will start with a brief classroom session highlighting shoe prints (Some from Rocky Mountain Trackers), clues, etc. An exercise describing shoe prints will follow the Power Point. The rest of the class will be in the field actually following shoe print tracks using the tools required for the class. The greatest values to canine team members are clue awareness and ability to work the dogs in conjunction with Man Trackers.

Required Equipment: 3' pocket tape measure, a pocket pad of paper and a pencil, and something suitable for a tracking stick. (The stick could be a cane, a ski pole, formal tracking stick, a meter/yard stick, a dowel, a tree branch or other rod about a meter long.) Some ski poles will be available for loan.

Title: Using NASAR's Problem Solving Model with your K9

Instructor: Kayla Hardin

Length: 1 hour

Description: This class will present the handler with a problem solving model designed to analyze specific K9 performance areas and remove existing barriers to performance through situational analysis and creation of action plans. Upon completion of this class the student will be able to utilize the problem solving model to create an action plan specifically unique to their K9's training needs.

Title: Disaster Dog Fundamentals for First Responders

Instructor: Robin Habeger

Length: 16 hours

Description: Recent events have elevated the need for more wilderness search dog handlers to have an awareness and proficiency in additional areas to best assist their communities. This class will provide handlers with steps and techniques to incorporate skills such as use of directionals, advanced agility and off leash obedience into their everyday training routine. In addition, the fundamentals of preparing for a Type II disaster certification and training a focused bark alert will also be addressed. There will be plenty of hands on training time and individual attention for each of the attendees. Class size is limited to 8-10 handlers. Attendees are encouraged to bring toys and plenty of treats.

Title: Advanced HRD: Building/Vehicle Search

Instructor: Lou Castle

Length: 8 hours (2 hours Classroom/ 6 hours Fieldwork)

Description: The building search segment of this class will discuss searching for people and HRD inside of buildings. It will cover the significant differences between wilderness searches and building searches, three way of finding people in buildings, air currents in buildings and how they are affected by air conditioning systems, the topology of building searches, two "essential concepts," is your dog left or right handed and what difference it makes, special problems in buildings, specifics of searching warehouses and large buildings, special issues unique to buildings, "Fresh air alerts," detailing, forcing entry, marking doors, and how to search a building so as to leave "no stone unturned. The vehicle search segment of this class will discuss search patterns for vehicles, going high and low exterior and interior searches.

Title: AKC Canine Good Citizen Evaluation

Evaluator: Kayla Hardin

Length: 1 hour

Description: The American Kennel Club Canine Good Citizen Program's purpose is to ensure that a dog can be a respected member of the community. This is demonstrated through a canine's willingness to accept a friendly stranger, sitting politely for petting, appearance and grooming, walking nicely on a leash, walking nicely through a crowd, sit and down on command and staying in place, coming when called, reaction to another dog, reaction to distractions and supervised separations. Please feel free to contact Kayla Hardin at k9sarjunkie@gmail.com if you have any questions or concerns regarding taking the Canine Good Citizen evaluation.

Title: Trailing Dogs Fieldwork: All level K9s

Instructors: Chuck Morris and Jeff Mason

Length: 2 (8) hour classes (each class will allow 10-12 K9 teams and unlimited observers)

Description: The course includes:

- The Principles: Learning the Basics
- Your Arsenal of Exercises to Build a Solid Foundation
- ‘Dog Training’ (Field Work)
- The Principles: Learning the Basics (Review)
- Your Arsenal of Exercises to Build a Solid Foundation (Introductory)
- Reading Your Dog (Review)
- Advanced Fundamentals/Component Training (Introductory)
- ‘Dog Training versus Team Training’ (Field Work)

Title: Snake Proofing for your K9

Snake Handler: Jay Amos

Length: approximately 15 minutes per K9

Description: If you participate in this class you will be required to pay a \$35 fee directly to the snake handler. This exercise will be accomplished by an experienced snake handler who will expose your leashed K9 to a live de-fanged rattlesnake under controlled conditions. It will involve use of an e-collar to proof your K9 against approaching rattlesnakes in the field. He will then allow the K9 handler to approach the snake with their leashed K9 a second time and deploy the e-collar again if necessary. He uses the least amount of stimulation absolutely necessary to change your K9’s behavior. **There will be an e-mail sign up sheet where K9s will be assigned a specific 15 minute time slot from 0800-1200 Sunday.**

Instructor Biographies

Adal Lopez has been a people medic for 20+ years, 13 in the Army and 8 in the civilian side. He is currently a working Paramedic with Guardian Medical Transport in Flagstaff and Classic Lifeguard in Page. During his time in the military he attended numerous seminars dealing with animal care, small and large (everything from goats to elephants). He had numerous chances to put those skills to use in foreign countries with local animal care. He volunteered at a reservation animal hospital at the same time he was working in a reservation hospital so that he could gain more experience. He also assists his wife in their dog rescue organization with animal first aid and care. Some of their foster dogs have had rough lives. He is working on passing these skills on to his K9 foster families so that they may better care for the dogs.

Al Astorga is a volunteer search and rescue technician with the Coconino County Sheriff's Search and Rescue Flagstaff Unit. He also volunteers as a Preventative Search and Rescue Ranger and Backcountry Ranger at the Grand Canyon National Park. He was also a member of the search and rescue team while volunteering at Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument. On SAR missions he can serve as a tracker, as a nav/comm resource on a K9 Team, as a rock rescue technician, alpine rescue technician and as an Operations Leader. When requested he has performed search missions with his trailing K9.

Chuck Melvin first qualified as an EMT in 1973 and for the past 35 years has served as an EMT Instructor and Coordinator for the San Juan Basin Technical College. Through serving as a Dolores Deputy Marshall for 10 years, 18-months as a full-time Lieutenant for Montezuma County Sheriff's Office, and as deputy in the Montezuma County Coroner's Office, he has gained valuable experience, training, and knowledge in all aspects of law enforcement work. He has also served 5 years as EMS Captain for the Dolores Fire Department, a Major in the Civil Air Patrol, 4 years as a seasonal Colorado State Parks Ranger, and has served with Office of Emergency Management. He holds a Bachelors Degree in Biological Science from Fort Lewis College, Colorado, and a Masters Degree in Entomology from the University of Wyoming. Mr. Melvin has been Team Commander for K9 Search and Rescue Team Inc., a 501(c)3 non-profit, all-volunteer K9 team since 1990 and has led the team through 407 missions. He has trained and fielded canines throughout this time, responding to requests for assistance in 12 states. He is a Canine Specialist with 1st Special Response Group, responding internationally. Mr. Melvin has provided training and assistance to search and rescue personnel all over the country, teaching at state conferences in CO, NM, CA, AZ, WY, nationally for NASDN in NE & IA, NASAR & evaluated dog teams in NJ, ID, VA, & WI. He has also made hundreds of presentations to local organizations, schools, and businesses on the role of K9 SAR and First Aid. He has received training from a variety of organizations including Colorado Department of Public Safety, National Institute of Survival Education, Colorado Law Enforcement Academy, Colorado Division of Disaster Services, National Park Service, CO Wildfire Academy, CO Division of Natural Resources, Texas Engineering Extension Service, and the Emergency Squad Training Institute. Mr. Melvin has been recognized throughout his career including Montezuma County Sheriff's Office Reserve Officer of the Year, Dolores Fire Department Dedication to EMS Award, Civil Air Patrol Squadron K9 Member of the Year, United Search and Rescue Appreciation Award, Boecher Foundation Teacher Recognition Award, National Honor

Society Teacher Recognition Award, Outstanding Secondary Educator Award, and is a Tandy Scholar. He was awarded the 2009 Citizen of the Year by the Dolores Chamber of Commerce, 2010 Home Town Hero for Education by the Kiwanis Club of Mesa Verde and the Ralph Dowdy Award by the New Mexico Search and Rescue Council in 2011. Recent publications include an article in the *North American Search Dog Network Newsletter* (Jan, 2111) and issue 60 of the *Technical Rescue Magazine*, 2011. Older work includes contributing to "How SAR Dogs Work" article on the "How Stuff Works" website. Chuck Melvin lives on his Colorado Centennial Farm (owned continuously by the same family for over 100 years) in Dolores, Colorado, with his K9 SAR partner, Axel.

Chuck Morris was an active K9 handler with the Kansas Department of Corrections from 2000 to 2007 where he worked dual-purpose patrol/narcotic dogs and the trailing bloodhounds. As a DOC handler, he has participated in several searches involving prison escapees and assisted local law enforcement in conducting felony searches. After promoting to the Staff Development Coordinator within the department, he became an active member of the Sedgwick County Emergency Management SAR K9 Team in Wichita, KS. He currently works a lab-mix and a GSD mix in trailing and has participated with the unit on several live searches. He is a trailing instructor for the North American Search Dog Network (NASDN) and the International Bloodhound Training Institute (INBTI). He is also a certified evaluator for the Search and Rescue Dogs of the United States (SARDUS).

Kayla Hardin has her Bachelors degree in Psychology from the University of California, San Diego and has been active in Search and Rescue since 2005. She has experience as both a trailing and HRD handler and is the Training Unit Leader for K9 Search and Rescue Team, Inc. During the day, Kayla works at a company that provides services for adults with developmental disabilities, Autism being one of them, and has assisted them with living and working as independently as possible. Combining these two experiences has helped to develop this discussion on ways searchers can improve searching for individuals who have autism.

Lou Castle retired from the Culver City Police Department as a Sergeant with almost 30 years experience. He's worked such varied assignments as Patrol, Detectives, Personnel and Training, Traffic, Vice and Narcotics, Rangemaster, SWAT and K9's. He was a K9 handler for about five and one-half years and then trained the dogs for his department for the next 15 years. He's been training dogs for SAR for over six years. Lou has conducted over 5,000 building and area searches in training and on actual deployments. Dogs that he's worked with have located hundreds of felony criminal suspects and lost people. He's taught hundreds of police officers and SAR workers the subtleties of doing building searches and the differences between searching open, wilderness areas and searching buildings.

Mary Helinski retired from active duty Navy as a Commander in the Civil Engineer Corps. Since then she has devoted her life to working with dogs. She has held numerous leadership positions in Golden Retriever Rescue of Wisconsin. She has trained over 50 people in conducting behavioral assessments on dogs, and conducted over 150 assessments herself. She has fostered 29 dogs, most with serious medical and/or behavioral challenges and assisted numerous other foster homes with their dogs. She started SAR work because obedience and agility training were not enough of a job for her K9 partner Buddy. As a team, they have certified in mantrailing, area search (both scent

specific and non scent specific), and land HRD through North American Search Dog Network (NASDN). She has also assisted as a NASDN instructor in all three specialties, is their fundraising coordinator and a Board member. She has also trained with Jerry Yelk, High Country Canine, and Law Enforcement Training Specialists (LETS). She is NASAR SARTECH II certified and has some vet tech training.

Natalie Castle, currently a Mission Ready handler and Training Group Leader with California Rescue Dogs Association, brings more than 23 years of experience to the classroom. She has been deployed on multiple searches covering five states and one overseas deployment. Natalie is also currently active with 1st Special Response Group and Los Angeles Search Dogs, and she is a past certified member of Search and Rescue Dogs of Colorado, Larimer County Search and Rescue (Colorado), Michigan Technical Rescue Operations Team, and Michigan Urban Search and Rescue.

Robin Habeger has been involved in canine search and rescue for over 10 years, starting in wilderness and human remains detection. She's a certified search manager and a certifying official for several national level organizations. Robin and K9 Moses are a FEMA certified Type 1 Disaster Dog team and deployable with Nebraska Task Force 1. Robin, K9 Moses and K9 Talyn, her certified cadaver disaster dog also deploy with Iowa Task Force 1 and have responded to the Cedar Rapids IA floods (2008) and the Joplin tornado (2011). Moses and Talyn are also NASAR Type I Area Search certified and Talyn has several human remains detection certifications.

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Thursday, April 26th

1200-1700: **Introduction to Man Tracking**

Instructor: Chuck Melvin

Assistant: Deb Lauman

1800-1900: **DINNER**

Friday, April 27th

0700-0800: **BREAKFAST**

0745-0800: **IMPORTANT DAILY ANNOUNCEMENT at CCSO**

0800-1700: **Disaster Dog Fundamentals for First Responders**

Instructor: Robin Habeger

Assistant: Marie Peck

0800-1700: **Trailing Dogs Fieldwork: All level K9s**

Instructor: Chuck Morris

Assistant: Jeff Mason

0800-1000: **Building and Vehicle Search Strategy (classroom)**

Prerequisite for Adv HRD Building/Vehicle fieldwork

All conference participants welcome

Instructor: Lou Castle

Assistant: Natalie Castle

1000-1700: **Advanced HRD: Building/Vehicle (fieldwork)**

Instructor: Lou Castle

Assistant: Natalie Castle

0800-1700: **Beg/Intermediate Air Scent: Foundation & Alerts**

Instructor: Mary Helinski

Assistant: Chuck Melvin and Kat Remmerde

1000-1700: **GPS Navigation Techniques for K9 Teams**

Instructor: Al Astorga

Assistant: Deb Lauman

1200-1300: **LUNCH**

1800-1900: **DINNER**

Saturday, April 28th

0700-0800: **BREAKFAST**

0745-0800: **IMPORTANT DAILY ANNOUNCEMENT at CCSO**

0800-1700: **Disaster Dog Fundamentals for First Responders**

Instructor: Robin Habeger

Assistant: Marie Peck

0800-1700: **Trailing Dogs Fieldwork: All level K9s**

Instructor: Chuck Morris

Assistant: Jeff Mason

0800-1000: **Search Strategy for Air Scent K9 Teams (classroom)**

Prerequisite for Advanced Air Scent (fieldwork)

All conference participants welcome

Instructor: Chuck Melvin

Assistant: Mary Helinski

1000-1700: **Advanced Air Scent (fieldwork)**

Instructor: Chuck Melvin

Assistant: Mary Helinski and Kat Remmerde

0800-1700: **Introducing HRD to K9s: Finding the Rabbit**

Instructor: Natalie Castle

Assistant: Lou Castle

1000-1200: **Using NASAR's Problem Solving Model with your K9**

Instructor: Kayla Hardin

1200-1300: **LUNCH**

1300-1400: **Writing Training Objectives for your SAR K9**

Instructor: Kayla Hardin

1400-1600: **Understanding the Autistic Subject for the K9 Handler**

Instructor: Kayla Hardin

1600-1700: **AKC CGC Evaluation**

Evaluator: Kayla Hardin

1800-1900: **DINNER**

1830-1900: **KEYNOTE: SAR K9 Team Credibility & Professionalism**

Speaker: Chuck Melvin and Robin Habeger

1900-1930: **RAFFLE**

Sunday, April 29th

0700-0800: **BREAKFAST**

0800-1200: **K9 First Responder: Hands-on Field First Aid for K9s**

Instructor: Adal Lopez

Assistant: Lorina Lopez

0900-1200: **Snake Proofing: Field Class for K9 Teams**

Snake Handler: Jay Amos

**[Prior email sign up highly recommended for this class
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