

ARIZONA SAR CONFERENCE 2017

May 5-7, 2017

Salvation Army Camp, Heber, AZ

K9 Track

Must show proof of affiliation with a government agency to attend

ALL classes are on a 1st come 1st served basis

ALL CLASSES ARE SUITABLE FOR ALL K9 TEAM SKILL LEVELS

Friday, May 5

0800-1200: **HRD fieldwork**¹ - Bill Dotson, SDONA

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Saturday, May 2nd

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1800-2100: DINNER / AWARDS / RAFFLE

Sunday, May 3rd

0800-1200: **AKC Canine Good Citizen Evaluation-** Diane Christian, Coconino County Sheriff's SAR K9 Team

¹ This is an 8 hour, 1-day class limited to 10 students, each K9 team may take 1 field class daily

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Instructor Bios

Diane Christian has resided in Northern Arizona since 1980 where she retired from law enforcement as a detective sergeant in 2004. In 1992 she obtained her first Bloodhound, Nitro, and trained her in tracking and HR detection work. Prior to losing Nitro to cancer Diane obtained another Bloodhound, Rajah, which she trained in tracking. Diane traveled nationwide with both Nitro and Rajah attending training seminars and in getting them certified in tracking. Toward the end of her law enforcement career Diane switched gears and partnered up with Kai, a Belgian Malinois/Shepard mix and a very high energy Czechoslovakian Shepard named AXIS. Kai was trained in Bomb detection and police protection. Axis was trained for bomb detection and trailing. Diane attended Adlerhorst Training Facility in Riverside, California for over 5 months. After retirement she started her new career as an elementary school teacher in a small rural school and joined Search and Rescue. Since joining Search and Rescue Diane has trained two additional canines. The first canine, Koda, developed seizure problems and was retired early in her training. The second canine is Tank, a Bloodhound/Lab she rescued from a shelter in Los Angeles. During the summer of 2012 Tank achieved his NASAR Canine Sartech I and II Trailing certifications. Diane taught the trailing course and co-taught a Scent Dynamic course during the 2012 New Mexico State SAR Conference.

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Bill Dotson has been training dogs for 42 years and training, deploying and instructing SAR Dogs for 36 of those years. Bill was a founding member, operations leader, operational K9 handler and training director for California Rescue Dog Association. Bill and his dog qualified in the Swiss Disaster Dog Association as an operational team - a coveted "K-Team". Bill was an operational member and Search manager for numerous homicide searches of Dog's East, Inc. He was a founder, operational leader and trainer for the international disaster response of the Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance – Agency for International Development. He responded to international disaster missions in Armenia, El Salvador and the Philippines as the team leader and dog handler. Bill was a member of VATF2 – FEMA from 1992 to 2007 and served as training director and dog handler. He helped to develop the FEMA standards for K9's. He responded to the Murrah Federal Building bombing and numerous hurricanes including Katrina. Bill has presented many seminars on 4 continents, including selecting and developing dogs for training with a USAR team in Izmir, Turkey. He is an experienced breeder and trainer of Malinois and Dutch Shepherds. As founder and President of Search Dog Organization of North America (SDONA - www.sdonal.org) Bill brought international training and testing to North America. Bill is one of the most respected trainers in the United States today.

Cindy McArthur, a professional dog trainer since 1977, holds a Master of Education degree from the University of Arizona. She began her SAR career in 2000 as a dog handler with the Yavapai County Sheriff's Response Team Search Dog Unit, where she held the offices of Canine Evaluator, Training Coordinator and eventually Strike Team Leader. In 2005 her two eldest dogs, Nitro and Levi, jointly received the Association of Pet Dog Trainers' *SAR Dog of the Year* award. Since 2006 she has been a certified Wilderness First Responder, and in 2007 she was inducted into the Yavapai County Sheriff's Search Management Unit. In 2008 she earned her NASAR SARTECH II certification and currently holds SARTECH II Evaluator status. In 2009 Cindy and her then youngest dog, Inspector Gadget, were the recipients of NASAR's Peter A. Chaney Canine Handler Scholarship. In late 2009 she moved to Flagstaff, AZ and joined the Coconino County Sheriff's SAR Canine Unit. In 2011 she also became a member of the K-9 Search & Rescue, Inc in Dolores, Colorado and their AZ Division Supervisor. In 2012 she was awarded Member of the Year by Coconino County Sheriff's SAR. Her dog Nitro was posthumously awarded the NASAR 2012 K9 of the Year. She currently owns and handles two Golden Retrievers, Stretch NASAR certified Area I/HRD Land III and MacGyver NASAR certified HRD Land III. Her K9s collectively have held (17) NASAR Canine SARTECH Area and HRD certifications. Cindy is a NASAR Canine SARTECH Lead Evaluator for Area I, II and III in addition to HRD Land and an AKC CGC Evaluator. In 2015 Cindy became an Area and HRD Instructor for SDONA (Search Dog Organization of North America) and serves on the board of directors.

Irene Morey first started working with dogs competing in AKC obedience trials in the 1990's. During those years she trained and titled several dogs in CD, CDX and UD. From 1999 to present, Irene has been a member of the Maine Search & Rescue Dogs (MESARD). Over the years, she has trained and certified her dogs to the MESARD and MASAR (Maine Association of Search & Rescue) standards in the following disciplines: Wilderness Live Find, Human Remains Detection, Tracking, Article Search, and Shoreline Water Search. She was Training Director for MESARD for two years and has been on the Training Committee for more than a decade. Irene is an active on-call member and has been deployed on numerous searches and has attended a variety of SAR seminars over the years.



FIELDWORK COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

AKC Canine Good Citizen Evaluation

Evaluator: Diane Christian

Please remember if your dog eliminates during the test he/she will be disqualified so take time to accomplish this before coming into the testing area. Your dog must have a leash and collar (buckle, martingale or slip only) on during the test. No harsh corrections or food are allowed in the testing area. Remember to encourage and praise your dog, you should be having fun together!

The AKC CGC includes the following items which are listed in the order they will be tested:

Item 1: Accepting a friendly stranger

Evaluator will approach and speak to handler with dog in sit position. (Dog is in control with loose leash without excessive corrections)

Item 2: Sitting politely for petting

Evaluator says "May I pet your dog" and pets dog lightly. (Dog may stand up but not lunge, jump or shy away leash must be kept loose)

Item 3: Appearance and grooming

Handler supplies dog's brush/comb; evaluator softly grooms dog, lightly examines ears and each front foot is gently picked up. (Some squirming is ok but not struggling and pulling away)

Item 4: Out for a walk

Evaluator calls for right turn, left turn, about turn and 2 stops. Handler may command, talk to and praise dog throughout test. (Loose leash required but dog need not be perfectly aligned, dog must be attentive to handler)

Item 5: Walking through a crowd

Handler and dog walk around and pass close to at least 3 people and possibly one well-mannered dog. (Dog may show some interest but must continue to walk with handler with loose leash, handler may encourage and praise dog)

Item 6: Sit and Down on command/Staying in place

Prior to test 20 foot leash provided by evaluator will be attached to dog. Dog needs to 1) sit on command and 2) down on command then 3) stay in a sit OR down position. Handler will be instructed to command stay and leave dog in either down or sit position, walk to the end of the 20 foot leash then return to dog and wait to hear the evaluator's instruction to release the dog. (Handler may use more than one command but not force the dog into position)

Item 7: Coming when called

When the evaluator instructs to do so, Handler will walk 10 feet from the dog, turn to face the dog and will call the dog, the test is complete when the dog comes to the handler. Handler will then reattach the dog's leash. (If the dog follows the handler the evaluator may distract it so the handler can get 10 feet away, handler may call dog 2 or 3 times and use encouragement but dog must come on it's own without use of attached 20 foot leash to pass the test)

Item 8: Reaction to another dog

Two handlers approach each other with their dogs from about 15 feet away, stop, shake hands and exchange pleasantries, and continue on. (Dog should show no more than casual interest in the distraction dog and must stay back from the other dog/handler, as the handler leaves the dog must not turn around to pull towards the other dog)

Item 9: Reaction to distractions

Dog will demonstrate confidence when faced with common distractions, one visual (jogger) and one sound (pan being dropped or hit). (Dog may show casual interest or appear slightly startled but must not panic, handler may reassure dog during distractions)

Item 10: Supervised Separation

Evaluator will hold the leash of the dog while owner goes out of sight for 3 minutes. Evaluator may talk to and pet the dog but will refrain from giving excessive attention or playing with the dog. (Dog does not have to stay in position, but must not continually bark, whine, pace, show signs of agitation, extreme stress or pull on it's leash trying to get away)

Area/Air Scent fieldwork (All levels of experience)

Instructor: **Irene Morey**

Assistant: **Carmen Davenport**

Description: Some Wilderness Air scent dogs are trained to notify their handlers when they have located a person and to take the handler to that person. This trained indication is called a find/refind. This critical skill enables the dog to execute their job smoothly, effectively and with reliability. The objective of this course will be focused on teaching the dog the behaviors necessary to reliably communicate and complete the find/refind. These behaviors are chained together through repetition, positive reinforcement and then proofed. This hands-on course is geared for beginners, intermediate and advanced Wilderness Air Scent dogs and handlers

HRD Land fieldwork for K9 Teams (All levels of experience)

Instructor: **Bill Dotson**

Assistant: **Cindy McArthur**

Description: K9s will be introduced to large source and novel HR odors. Major areas of instruction will include developing the reward system, focus and commitment to odor. Discussions of trained final responses and methods for sharpening the final response will be reviewed. Final response training will be conducted with appropriate dogs.

Mantrailing fieldwork for K9 Teams (All levels of experience)

Instructor: **Heather Suedkamp**

Assistant: **Julie Cramer**

OVERVIEW & SUMMARY OF TRAINING

Introduction to skills needed for SAR K9

1. Teach the game (Find Track)
2. Improve socialization of dog (Making the track layer valuable)
3. Build Bond with handler (Appropriate reward)
4. Teach and reinforce ALERT behavior

Beginning Man-Trailing skills

1. Develop scent discrimination – (use of games – crossover, circle, line up)
2. Teach “ground track” and scent ID (read what the dog is telling you!)
3. Incorporate learned ALERT behavior to trailing exercise
4. Learn to lay track and read flags
5. Learn logging and basic mapping skills
6. Teach the dog to “LOCATE” trail – Practice strong starts!
7. Teach TURNS!!!!!!

Intermediate/Advanced Man-Trailing skills

1. Develop dog’s problem solving skills
2. Teach handler to read dog
3. Build dog’s motivation for the “find”
4. Increase length of tracks
5. Increase age of tracks
6. Vary terrain of tracks
7. Introduce “water”
8. Introduce buildings and “door alert”