

MAINE ASSOCIATION FOR SEARCH AND RESCUE

Search Dog Team Certification Standard Appendix F

Certification Tests: Wilderness Article Search/Clue Detection

I. Application

- A. This test applies to a Type II, Kind E, search dog team which performs searches in wilderness locations for articles or evidence (per ASTM F1848-98, "Standard Classification for Search and Rescue Dog Crew/Teams").
- B. Dog teams currently certified by other agencies or organizations may request certification under this standard.
 - 1. The field evaluation requirements of the standard under which the team is certified must equal or exceed those defined in this standard.
 - 2. The applicant shall be responsible for documenting or demonstrating this equivalency.
 - 3. If the field evaluation requirements of the alternate certification standard equal or exceed this standard, the dog team may be certified as a Wilderness Article Search/Clue Detection team.
 - 4. The Standards Committee reserves the right to require that, upon request, a team pass the tests defined below.

II. Certification Test

- A. Type II, Kind E - Article Search/Clue Detection
 - 1. The search area shall be 50 yards by 50 yards.
 - 2. Five scent articles shall be placed in the search area, 1-3 hours before the test. Of these articles, three shall be small items like a wallet, set of keys, or mitten, while the other two shall be large items such as a pack, shirt, or jacket.
 - 3. The scent articles shall be hidden from sight.
 - 4. The dog team will be allowed only one sweep through the area.
 - 5. The dog team shall locate at least three of the scent articles hidden in this area.