

LAW ENFORCEMENT TRACKING STANDARDS

Tracking Certification

Regular Tracking

The purpose of this certification is to determine the dog's ability to locate a suspected criminal or a lost person.

The track will consist of a minimum of three - (3) and a maximum of (5) of the following terrains.

- Field
- Gravel
- Leaves
- Creek Bed
- Dirt
- Concrete
- Woods
- Asphalt
- High Grass

The track will be a minimum of thirty (30) minutes and a maximum of one -hour old.

The track will be a minimum length of three hundred (300) yards and a maximum length of five - (500) hundred yards.

There will be a one scent article placed along the track (dog team will not be penalized for failure to locate the article).

The tracking will be given a starting point, and the direction of travel by the evaluators.

There will be one cross-track laid. This person will remain in the area of the actual track, but must remain at a minimum distance of two hundred (200) yards from the actual track -layer. This cross track may be laid in prior to, or after, the actual track.

There will be a twenty (20) minute time limit to complete the track.

The team will successfully pass this certification by locating the actual track-layer.

If it is obvious to the evaluators if the dog is not tracking/trailing the evaluators may stop the test at any time

Master Tracking The purpose of this certification is to determine the dog's ability to locate a suspected criminal or a lost person. There will be 3 cross-tracks laid. This person (s) will remain in the area of the actual track, but must remain at a minimum distance of fifty yards (50) from the actual track-layer. The cross tracks may be laid during or prior to the actual track the track will consist of a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of (5) of the following terrains. Minimum concrete or asphalt track will be a minimum of 400 yards of the entire track.

- Field
- Creek crossing
- Gravel
- Leaves
- Creek Bed
- Dirt
- Concrete
- Woods
- Asphalt

- High Grass

The track will be a minimum of one and a half (1.5 hrs.) and a maximum of two (2) hours old.

The track will be a minimum length of twelve hundred (1200) yards and a maximum length of fifteen (1500) hundred yards.

There will be a one scent article placed along the track (dog team must locate the article).

The team will be given a starting point from a car, door way, window or last known point of travel.

There is a one hour time limit.

The team will successfully pass this certification by locating the actual track-layer.

If it is obvious to the evaluators if the dog is not tracking/trailing the evaluators may stop the test at any time.