



SDF-trained Los Angeles County Fire/CA-TF2 Search Teams (L to R): Jason Dobbins & Diva, Manny Sampang & Eva, Bob George & Shadow, Mike Toepfer & Demi

*SDF's mission is to strengthen disaster response in America by recruiting **rescued dogs** and partnering them with **firefighters** to find people buried alive in the wreckage of disasters.*

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SEARCH TEAM GRADUATION CEREMONY

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SDF's National Training Center



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WELCOME

SDF Founder Wilma Melville

INTRODUCTION

SDF Master Trainer Sonja Heritage

MEET SHADOW

SDF Canine Recruiter Kirsten Fulk

SHADOW'S TRAINING EXPERIENCE

SDF Canine Trainer Emily Fisk

MEET DEMI & HER TRAINING EXPERIENCE

SDF Canine Trainer Lyz Gregory

MEET OUR SEARCH DOG SPONSORS

*Gloria Balcom, Sponsor of Roxy
Joyce & Alex Carasa, Sponsors of Shadow
MARS, Inc., Sponsor of Shadow, Demi, Diva,
Tanker, Cajun & Eva*

MEET OUR VETERAN SEARCH TEAMS

*Dennis Clark & Rugby
Jason Dobbins & Diva
Josh Flores & Cajun
Manny Sampang & Eva*

LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPT. CHIEF ROBERT HARRIS

GRADUATION CEREMONY

Los Angeles County Fire Department / California Task Force 2

*Bob George & Shadow
Mike Toepfer & Demi*

Passing of the Leash
Search Dog Vesting
Presentation of the Whistle Lanyard

CONCLUSION

MEET YOUR NEWEST SEARCH TEAMS!



Mike Toepfer & Demi
California Task Force 2
Los Angeles County Fire

DEMI

Recruited by Andrea Bergquist from Placer SPCA in Roseville, CA

Demi was discovered as a stray on the streets of Roseville, CA and was taken to Placer SPCA. When no one came to claim her, she became available for adoption.

Andrea Bergquist, wife of a Sacramento firefighter and SDF canine handler, saw the potential in this high energy dog. Andrea adopted Demi and drove her to SDF's National Training Center (NTC) where she was accepted into our training program. Demi has excelled in training and we are thrilled to see her and Mike grow together as a team.

SHADOW

Recruited by Kirsten Fulk from Rescue Ranch, Inc. in Yreka, CA

Shadow was found wandering the streets as a stray and picked up by animal control. After his owners never came to claim him, he was placed at Rescue Ranch, where the staff noticed that he had the specific characteristics SDF looks for in our Search Dog recruits! SDF Canine Recruiter Kirsten Fulk made the trip from Oregon to Yreka to adopt Shadow and drove him to our NTC in May of 2016, where he began his journey to become a Search Dog.

Shadow continues to do well in training and we look forward to watching him and Bob progress together throughout their career.



Bob George & Shadow
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