



Human Remains Detection Workshop

The National Disaster Search Dog Foundation (SDF), in conjunction with instructor Teresa MacPherson, is pleased to announce this outstanding training opportunity! We will be offering a Human Remains Detection (HRD) training workshop at our National Training Center (NTC) in Santa Paula, CA, August 4 - 5, 2018, as part of our mission to strengthen disaster response in America. This course will only be offered by SDF once in 2018 and is available to eighteen (18) canine teams on a first-come, first-served basis. If there is a large interest, we will be able to expand the workshop to accommodate twenty-four (24) Handlers and canines, with an Instructor/Handler ratio of 8-to-1. In addition, up to ten (10) Observers may register for the full workshop in a hands-off capacity. This workshop is being made available to our nation's Handlers of *working* canines only.

Course Description:

This workshop is an opportunity to work your canine in a variety of real-world scenarios with various scent sources on 125 acres. You will receive quality one-on-one instruction delivered by Teresa MacPherson, to include problem-solving and feedback. This two-day workshop will be largely field-work, concentrating on disaster search to include wide area search scenarios (hurricanes/tornadoes), building and rubble search areas. This course is designed for HR teams who wish to train for disaster search. Various levels of experience will be accommodated, but all dogs must be under control, healthy, and non-aggressive. Your canine must have a trained indication on HR and the handler must be affiliated with a recognized agency.

Course Dates: August 4 - 5, 2018

Registration Deadline: July 22, 2018

Hours: 16

Handler Participant: \$500 per student/lunch provided daily

Observer: \$150 per student/lunch provided daily

Lodging: SDF's Handlers' Lodge or a local hotel of your choosing (see page 2)

Location: NTC, 6800 Wheeler Canyon Road, Santa Paula, CA 93060

Credit card payments are the preferred method of payment to reserve the Handler's place in this workshop and the Handler will be emailed a link once their completed registration form has been received. Handlers can pay the registration fee and for a bed in SDF's Handlers' Lodge at same time through this link.

Registration forms should be submitted electronically, by fax, or by standard mail. Electronic submissions should be sent to: kate@searchdogfoundation.org or by fax: (805) 640-1848

Checks may be mailed payable to:
 Search Dog Foundation
 6800 Wheeler Canyon Road
 Santa Paula, CA 93060

For questions regarding this course, please contact: Kate Horwick – Direct (805) 229-0079 Email kate@searchdogfoundation.org

CANCELLATION/REFUND POLICY:

If Handler chooses to cancel their registration for this HRD workshop, please notify Kate Horwick in writing (e-mail, letter). Cancellations received no later than 30 days before the first day of the HRD workshop will receive a refund of 50% of the paid registration fee plus a full refund of lodging fee if a spot was reserved in

SDF's Handlers' Lodge. Cancellations received no later than 14 days before the first day of the HRD workshop will receive a refund of 25% of the paid registration fee plus a full refund of lodging fee if a spot was reserved in SDF's Handlers' Lodge. NO refunds will be issued for cancellations received less than 7 days before the first day of the HRD workshop.

EXCEPTIONS: 1) Handler is deploying as a member of Task Force 2) Handler is a firefighter and is being assigned to a strike team or other *required* work-related duty.

If there are any questions about this policy, please contact Kate Horwick *before* registering for this workshop.

LODGING: There are two options for lodging – either in SDF's Handlers' Lodge at the NTC or a local hotel of Handler's choosing – at Handler's cost.

SDF's Handlers' Lodge – Two (2) large barrack-style dormitories containing ten (10) beds each are available to the first handlers to complete the payment process to reserve their bed. There will be a men's and a women's dorm room, which means there is a maximum of ten (10) beds available to each. The Lodge includes separate bathing facilities, a large kitchen, living area, and laundry room. The cost is \$40 per night and Handlers may reserve a bed for a minimum of one (1) night and maximum of three (3) nights. Beds will be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis and are considered reserved when the fee has been paid. Handlers are permitted to house their canines in the Lodge with them.

There are many hotels and motels in Santa Paula and Ventura to choose from if Handler would prefer. Individuals not staying at the Handlers' Lodge are responsible for locating their own alternate accommodations.

MEALS: SDF will provide lunches each day of the course. Course participants are responsible for their own breakfast and dinner each day.

Logistical Information: Will be provided to registrants prior to workshop.

Airports

Los Angeles International (LAX) / Burbank (BUR) / Santa Barbara (SBA)

Rental Cars

Shuttle service is available to take participant from the airport terminal to their designated rental car location.

Course Location

SDF National Training Center, 6800 Wheeler Canyon Rd., Santa Paula, CA 93060 (Phone: 888-4K9-HERO)

IMPORTANT: There is limited to no cell phone service available on Wheeler Canyon Road. Cell phones and internet service are spotty at the National Training Center unless at the main buildings, so prepare accordingly. Class will begin daily at 0900 (PST) and conclude at 1700 (PST).



June 1, 2018

Course Registration

Search Dog Foundation
HRD Workshop
Santa Paula, CA
August 4-5, 2018

HANDLER NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT PHONE: _____

TF AFFILIATION/DEPARTMENT: _____

TASK FORCE/DEPT SUPERVISOR: _____

TASK FORCE/DEPT SUPERVISOR PHONE: _____

CANINE NAME _____ AGE _____ CERTIFICATION DATE _____

ALLERGIES/ MEDICAL PROBLEMS WE SHOULD BE AWARE OF: _____

LUNCHES WILL BE PROVIDED DAILY. LIST ANY FOOD RESTRICTIONS _____

NIGHTS AT SDF'S HANDLERS' LODGE: _____

COURSE FEE: \$700

HANDLERS' LODGE: \$40 per night

CHECK #: _____ AMOUNT: _____

P.O. #: _____ AMOUNT: _____

ONLINE CREDIT CARD PAYMENT: AMOUNT: _____