

MAINE ASSOCIATION FOR SEARCH AND RESCUE

Mounted Team Certification Standard

Certification Test Evaluation Form

Date: _____

Rider: _____ Mount: _____

Location: _____

Terrain: _____

Weather: _____

Test Type: _____ Daylight _____ Night

Trail Length: _____ miles No. of Steep Climbs/Descents: _____

Start Time: _____ Finish Time: _____

Before testing may begin the rider must demonstrate the following for the evaluators:

Check Each
Yes or No

___ ___ Properly equipped as a Search Team Member

___ ___ Properly equipped as a Mounted Team

On the next two pages are evaluation forms for both daylight and night trail ride tests of the mounted team. Note that to become certified the team must pass all items on each form during that part of the test. Section V, Part B, subpart (1), paragraph (a), of the MASAR Mounted Team Certification standard describes the trail or trails to be used for these tests.

Daylight Trail Ride Evaluation

Before the trail ride the rider must demonstrate the following:

Action Demonstrated	Pass	Fail
Rider can safely unload the horse from trailer		
Rider can tack the horse independently		
Horse remains reasonably quiet while held by another person		
Horse can be lead and handled by another person		
Rider can mount from the ground without assistance		
Rider can remove tack from horse independently		
Rider can load the horse into trailer with no more than 1 assistant in 10 minutes or less		
Horse is reasonably quiet in trailer for 15 minutes		

While riding on a trail the rider must demonstrate the following:

Action Demonstrated	Pass	Fail
Turn mount left and right		
Stop mount		
Cross stream(s)		
Ride off trail to negotiate thick brush, fallen logs, and other obstacles		
Stop and tie horse for approximately 15 minutes: (Note - horse must remain tied and must not pull against tie for the entire time. Horse should remain reasonably quiet.)		
Stop and locate a position on a map while remaining mounted		
Put on rain gear while mounted		
Horse can be separated from the herd		
Walk horse single file and side by side with another horse		
Maintain control at all natural gaits of the horse		
Mount will back up when asked		
Rider can take an object from one person and pass it to another rider while mounted (Note - mount must remain calm)		
Mount can be ponied and can pony another horse		
Mount accepts distractions and can be handled safely around such things as moving cars, motorcycles/ATVs, bicycles, backpackers, tents, gunfire, helicopters, chain saws, sirens, dogs, runners, and flagging tape		

Evaluator: _____ Date: _____

Signed: _____

Night Trail Ride Evaluation

To demonstrate that the horse and rider can operate successfully at night the team will ride for approximately one hour for at least 4 miles. This test may begin no earlier than one hour after sunset.

Before the night trail ride the rider must demonstrate the following:

Action Demonstrated	Pass	Fail
Rider can safely unload the horse from trailer		
Rider can tack the horse independently		
Horse remains reasonably quiet while held by another person		
Horse can be lead and handled by another person		
Rider can mount from the ground without assistance		
Rider can remove tack from horse independently		
Rider can load the horse into trailer with no more than 1 assistant in 10 minutes or less		
Horse is reasonably quiet in trailer for 15 minutes		

While riding on a trail at night (as defined in Section V, Part B, 1, a) the rider must demonstrate the following:

Action Demonstrated	Pass	Fail
Rider has control of mount		
Horse accepts, and remains quiet around, visual distractions such as headlamps, flashlights, rotating lights, and strobe lights		

Evaluator: _____ Date: _____

Signed: _____