

# MAINE ASSOCIATION FOR SEARCH AND RESCUE

## Search Dog Team Certification Standard Appendix B

### Certification Tests: Air Scent for Wilderness Search

#### I. Application

- A. These tests apply to a Type II, Kind A search dog team which performs air scent searches in wilderness locations (per ASTM F1848-98, "Standard Classification for Search and Rescue Dog Crew/Teams.")
- B. Dog teams currently certified by another agency or organization may request certification under this standard.
  - 1. The field evaluation requirements of the standard under which the team was 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 an Air Scent for Wilderness Search team.
  - 4. The Standards Committee reserves the right to require that, upon request, a team pass the tests defined below.

#### II. Certification Tests

- A. Heavy brush search
  - 1. Dog team must be able to find one search subject in an area of approximately 40 acres of lightly rolling topography covered with heavy brush.
  - 2. The test shall be completed in 3 hours or less.
- B. Night search
  - 1. Dog team must be able to find one search subject in an area of approximately 40 acres of moderate terrain covered with light brush at night.
  - 2. The test shall be completed in 3 hours or less.
- C. Trail search
  - 1. The trail shall be between 1/2 and 1 mile in length in moderate terrain.
  - 2. The search subject shall be hidden within 30 feet of the trail.
  - 3. The search subject shall fulfill one of the following conditions:
    - a) Be hidden upwind of the trail
    - b) Have walked down the trail and hidden downwind.
    - c) Have crossed the trail and hidden downwind.
  - 4. The dog team shall be limited to one pass down the trail and back.
- D. Large area search
  - 1. The dog team must be able to find one search subject in an area of approximately 160 acres of moderate terrain within 8 hours.