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Effective November 1, 2011 the process to become a NASAR Instructor and Evaluator and Lead Evaluator will have a new look!

For the past several years, the NASAR Board of Directors (Board) heard from the membership regarding the need to increase access to NASAR training and certification opportunities. Coupled with that message is concern with the cost of existing NASAR educational programs. Access to and the cost of NASAR courses and certifications are truly interrelated. The focal point of that relationship is at the instructor/evaluator position. Access to training opportunities is limited by the availability of qualified instructors/evaluators and the prohibitive cost of bringing these individuals to a locale or traveling elsewhere to scheduled classes.

The Board understands this dilemma and embarked on an initiative this year to provide a remedy. The core of this new approach allows the Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) for SAR response to approve qualified Instructors, Evaluators and/or Lead Evaluators. The Board believes that a wealth of untapped SAR expertise exists at the local level; untapped because of the current cumbersome process to become a NASAR Instructor, Evaluator or Lead Evaluator.

This process will greatly expand the cadre of highly skilled Instructors, Evaluators and Lead Evaluators, thus increasing the amount of courses and certifications available, while lowering the cost of bringing these courses and certifications to you. Most importantly, it will increase the number of trained and certified SAR responders.

Key to this new procedure is maintaining the high standard of instruction and quality of certifications now offered by NASAR. We believe by establishing a relationship with the AHJ, which identifies and recommends qualified, SAR experienced personnel, our existing cadre will be strengthened.

Please take a moment to view the following updated documents:

Program Administration Manual

Chapter 4 – Course Administration and corresponding Instructor Trainer/Instructor Application.

Chapter 5 – Certification Administration and corresponding Lead Evaluator/Evaluator Application and Canine Lead Evaluator/Evaluator Application.

Sincerely,

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