

Training the First Responder Disaster Dog

This course will be facilitated by Teresa MacPherson, a FEMA Instructor, and Robin Habeger, a NASAR Canine Lead Evaluator. National standards will be used as guidelines to teach foundation elements as well as advanced disaster search skills.

The educational units include:

- Operational Awareness—Safety and Risk Assessment
- The Selection and Screening of the Canine Disaster Search Candidate
- Understanding Canine Behavior and Drive
- Obedience
- The Role of the Helper
- Training the Bark Alert
- Scent Theory
- Direction & Control
- Agility
- Disaster search
 - Rubble/collapsed structure
 - Building
 - Wide area
- Canine Search Strategies and Tactics
- Deployments and Lessons Learned

Additional education is included to introduce the canine handler to his/her role in the Incident Command System.

The intent of this course is to provide First-Responder canine teams the capabilities of using the search techniques and tactics required to support the Search function with the canine resource in various disaster environments.

All participants will need: PPE (hard hat, gloves, goggles, boots, long-sleeved shirt, knee pads, elbow pads (optional)), evidence of basic obedience (CGC or equivalent), no aggression issues, canine shots/vaccinations as applicable to host locality, dog's reward toy, leash and training collar.



Pre-Conference Workshop

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Workshop Dates: Monday, May 25th – Wednesday, May 27th

Time: Each day will begin at 0800 at the hotel.

Location: Double Tree Little Rock Hotel

Fee: \$250 per team. Registration will be accepted on a first come first serve basis. All payment must be received at time of registration. **There is a maximum of 12 teams (K9 and handler equals 1 team).** If a person would like to attend the workshop without their K9, the cost is \$150.

Lodging Accommodations: Rooms are available at the [DoubleTree Little Rock Hotel](http://www.doubletree.com) under room code **NASAR** at \$118 per night plus tax. Reservations can be made by calling 800-222-TREE. Please visit the NASAR conference website for reservation details. <http://www.nasar.org/nasar/conferences.php?id=157>.

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Send completed form to NASAR Headquarters by April 30, 2009:

Fax 703-222-6277 or Email conference@nasar.org

Please note that registration for the main conference (May 29-31, 2008) is **separate from this form and involves a fee.** Visit the NASAR website at www.nasar.org or call us at 703-222-6277 for details.

*****Please note field work will take place off site of the hotel. Attendees are responsible for their own transportation*****