Explosive Team Elective Discipline for Open Air Detection Team

All minimum standards mentioned in *D. Explosive Detection* must be met <u>prior</u> to participating in this elective discipline. As this is an elective discipline, it cannot be recognized on its own.

These rules are intended to set minimum standards of performance for the certification of explosive detection canine teams with the elective discipline of "Open Air Detection" which are used for law enforcement or corrections purposes.

Performance evaluations will consists of three of the four following phases: Line Up, Moving Line, Small Group, and Moving Target Corridor Search.

- Each phase will consist of two separate searches.
- During these elective phases, a minimum of 5 training aids and a maximum of 6 training aids shall be used at the discretion of the evaluator. Teams will be allowed one miss.
 - Evaluators will place no more than one (1) training aid within one search of any given phase.
- The certified evaluator will designate which three of the four phases will be utilized during a particular evaluation.
- In the line-up, moving line and small group phases there shall be no less than 8 and no more than 15 persons per search.
- The explosive substances that are to be utilized during an open air evaluation are: Smokeless Powder / Double-Based Smokeless Powder, TNT, RDX / C4, PETN / Sheet Explosive, Nitroglycerin Dynamite, or Ammonia Dynamite / Kinepak / Emulsion.
 - i. Nitroglycerin and Ammonia Dynamite will not be placed on a decoy but can be used if it is placed into luggage or some type of hand carried bag.
- The types of substances placed in each phase will be at the discretion of the evaluator.
- Training aids used shall be a minimum of a 1/2 pound and a maximum of 4 pounds.
- There will be a minimum set up time of 60 minutes for training aids placed into luggage or hand carried bags/items.
- There will be a minimum set up time of 30 minutes for training aids placed onto the body of a decoy.
- No training aids will be placed on any decoy between the sternum and chin to avoid any inhalation hazards.

- 1. Evaluation Phases:
 - a. Line Up
 - i. Two separate line searches of people designated by the evaluator which may vary in size however there will no fewer than 8 persons and no more than 15 persons per line up search.
 - ii. At least one of the line searches shall contain a find and there shall be no more than one find per line up search.
 - iii. Line searches may contain bags designated by the evaluator to be searched in conjunction with the people.
 - iv. During this phase the team can use First Pass and Systematic Search patterns, however at the end of the **second** completed systematic search the handler will either call the line clear or indicate which person in the line is concealing a trained odor.
 - b. Moving Line
 - i. Two separate moving line searches of people designated by the evaluator which may vary in size; however there shall be no fewer than 8 persons and no more than 15 persons per search.
 - ii. At least one of the line searches shall contain a find and there shall be no more than one find per line up search.
 - iii. Moving searches may contain bags designated by the evaluator to be searched in conjunction with the people.
 - iv. During this phase the team can use First Pass and Systematic Search patterns, however at the end of the <u>second</u> completed systematic search the handler will either call the line clear or indicate which person in the line is concealing a trained odor.
 - c. Small Group
 - i. Two separate small group searches of people designated by the evaluator which may vary in size; however there shall be no fewer than 8 persons and no more than 15 persons per search.
 - ii. The group search may contain bags designated by the evaluator to be searched in conjunction with the people. The configuration of the group will be designated by the evaluator. There shall be no more than one find in each separate search of this phase.
 - iii. During this phase the team can use First Pass and Systematic Search patterns, however at the end of the <u>second</u> completed systematic search the handler will either call the group clear or indicate which person in the group is concealing a trained odor.
 - d. Moving Target Corridor Search

- Two separate searches conducted in a narrow corridor designated by the evaluator with people moving back and forth through the corridor. The corridor search may contain bags designated by the evaluator to be searched in conjunction with the people.
- ii. The team can move from one side of the corridor to the other side at their discretion. The handler may not make any presentations on any one person or bag during the phase, however search commands may be use to keep the canine engaged.
- iii. This search is to be designed to demonstrate the canine ability to follow the trace/ribbon of odor to source.
- iv. There shall be no more than one find during each individual search phase.

Explosive Team Effort Scoring

Deductions will be 1 or 3 depending on the severity of the error; however, any miss of a mandatory training aid is 5-points and false response will result in a 10-point deduction. A team is allowed only one miss and cannot have more than 20 points in deductions in the team scoring portion. The team can have multiple point deductions per room, vehicle, or area searched.

NOTE- Since a miss is a deduction, it will need to be added each sheet to reflect which search area the miss occurred. See bottom of pages 5, 6, 7, and 8.

All exercises:

- Three points will be deducted for urinating in the test area
- Three points will be deducted for each time the handler fails to conduct follow-up commands.
- Handler: The handler will be scored in the following areas:
 - Presentation (i.e. over presenting, lack of presentation when needed, not using body or leash to assist in directing the canine where to search)
 - Search Pattern
 - o Reading canine/Recognition of Change of Behavior
 - o Reward
 - Negative Cueing (stall, over-presentation)
 - Leash Control
- Canine: The canine will be scored in the following areas:
 - o Hunt
 - o Confident
 - o Alert
 - o Walk
 - Final Response
 - o Non-Productive False Response

Handler:		Canine:
Phase:	LINE UP	Date:

Explosive Section

	Type	<u>Amount</u>	Location	<u>Found</u>
1				
2				
3				

Canine 1 pt. 3 pt.		Handler 1 pt. 3 pt.
	Presentation Search Pattern Reading Canine/Recognition of CB Reward Negative Cueing Leash Control	
	Hunt Confidence Alert Walk Final Response False Response Urinating in Search Area Miss – 1 st time =5 pts; 2 ^r	1 st time=5 pts; 2 nd time= Fail nd time= Fail
	Total:	
Evaluator Initials:	Handler Initia	lls:

Handler:		Canine:
Phase:	MOVING LINE	Date:

Explosive Section

	Type	<u>Amount</u>	Location	<u>Found</u>
1				
2				
3				

<u>Canine</u> 1 pt. 3 pt.		Handler 1 pt. 3 pt.
	Search Pattern Reading Canine/Recognition of CB Reward Negative Cueing Leash Control Hunt Confidence Alert Walk Final Response	1 st time=5 pts; 2 nd time= Fail time= Fail
	Total:	
Evaluator Initials:	Handler Initials	

Handler:		Canine:
Phase:	SMALL GROUP	Date:

Explosive Section

	Type	<u>Amount</u>	Location	<u>Found</u>
1				
2				
3				

Canine 1 pt. 3 pt.		Handler 1 pt. 3 pt.
	Leash Control Hunt Confidence Alert Walk Final Response False Response	1 st time=5 pts; 2 nd time= Fail
	Urinating in Search Area Miss – 1 st time =5 pts; 2 ^r Total:	nd time= Fail
Evaluator Initials:	Handler Initia	ıls:

Handler:		Canine:	
Phase:	MOVING TARGET CORRIDOR SEARCH	Date:	

Explosive Section

	Type	<u>Amount</u>	Location	<u>Found</u>
1				
2				
3				

Canine 1 pt. 3 pt.	Handler 1 pt. 3 pt.
	Presentation Search Pattern Reading Canine/Recognition of CB Reward Negative Cueing Leash Control Hunt Confidence Alert Walk Final Response False Response 1st time=5 pts; 2 nd time= Fail Urinating in Search Area Miss – 1 st time =5 pts; 2 nd time= Fail
	Total:
Evaluator Initials:	Handler Initials:

Overall Record Sheet

Location:	Date:
Handler:	Yrs. K9 Experience:
Agency:	

Canine Name:	Yrs. Explosive Experience:
Type of Alert:	Cross Trained: Yes No
Reward:	Breed:

Evaluation

(Chose 3 Phases)

<u>Phase</u> 1 2 3 4	Line Up Moving Line Small Group Moving Target Corrido	Explosive's	Team Effort
·	Search	TOTAL	
Explosive Sec Mandatory Od		PASS	FAIL
Team Effort S Team Effort	<u>ection</u>	PASS	FAIL
Print Name:		<u>Evaluator</u>	
Signature:			
Agency:			
Contact Phone Contact Email:			

Handler's Copy