

NASDN TASK BOOK

GENERAL



Name	Last:	First:
Organization (if applicable)		

Purpose: The purpose of this task book is to provide the SAR handler with a list of non-canine handling skills sets needed to become a SAR professional. This task book is complimentary to the NASDN discipline specific task books. This list of skill sets is a recommended guide only and does not replace requirements set forth by local Law Enforcement agencies, search managers or individual SAR teams.

Signature authority: The skill sets listed in this task book are under the purview of other national agencies, so NASDN will not be a designated evaluating agency for any of these skills. The agencies listed in this task book are not all inclusive to those offering certifications in each skill set, and are meant as an example only. Each individual should research options before picking an agency to certify or train under.

Documentation: Each individual is responsible for keeping documentation of all their training and certifications. This includes continuing education and re-certifications for those skills that expire periodically.

GENERAL SKILL SETS

Blood borne pathogens

OSHA standard 1910.1030 addresses blood borne pathogens and applies to all occupational exposure to blood or other potentially infectious materials. www.osha.gov Training is required annually. Many training agencies offer on line courses for a nominal fee. Make sure that they are OSHA compliant.

Crime Scene Preservation and Search Incident Considerations

Check with your local Law Enforcement agency for their requirements for both education and deployment procedures.

GPS training

There are lots of on line courses through garmin and other companies and universities. Several recreational and or sportsman stores may also offer classes. The best bet is just to start using it. You will need the handheld device, software for your computer, and mapping software. There are multiple sources for all the hardware and software, so talk to your teammates on what is best for you.

Hazardous Material Handling

OSHA standard 1910.120 App C addresses hazardous material and applies to all personnel involved with exposure to or handling of the material. www.osha.gov The class is commonly referred to as the 40 hour HAZWOPER class. Many training agencies offer on line or blended courses for a fee. Make sure that they are OSHA compliant.

Medical

There are multiple organizations which offer medical classes. You should research what your team and local emergency response requirements are. At a minimum, you should consider certifications in basic first aid, CPR, and AED. Wilderness classes in first aid as well as first responder are recommended. Advanced certifications such as EMT may also be a consideration. First aid and emergency aid for your canine partner is also highly encouraged.

National Incident Management System (NIMS)

<https://training.fema.gov/is/nims.aspx>

Numerous free on line courses available to learn how the NIMS works.

IS-100.b	Introduction to Incident Command System
IS-200.b	ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents
IS-700.a	National Incident Management System (NIMS) An Introduction
IS-800.b	National Response Framework, An Introduction

Physical fitness

National Wildfire Coordinating Group (<http://www.nwcg.gov/pms/pubs/PMS307.pdf>)

Work Capacity Test NWCG PMS 307 (moderate level) includes a 2 mile walk in 30 minutes with a 25 lb pack. Your canine should be able to accompany you with his search gear.

Scent Theory and movement

There are numerous articles, books and scientific research available on this topic.

SAR Search Strategy

There are numerous articles and books available on this topic.

Search and Rescue Technician

NASAR SARTECH II http://www.nasar.org/sartech_ii

The written exam includes questions from the following topics: NIMS Incident Command System, Basic Survival, SAR Clothing, Improvising, Environmental Hazards and First Aid, SAR Ready Pack, Personal Equipment, Travel Skills, Land Navigation & Orienteering, SAR Resources, Search Philosophy, Search Tactics, Handling Evidence, Clue Consciousness, Search Operations, Tracking, Ropes & Rescue Equipment, Legal Aspects for the Searcher

The candidate's performance of SAR skills is evaluated at several practical exam stations involving: Land Navigation, Tracking, Rope Skills, Route Search, Area Search

American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM)

ASTM is an international standards organization that develops and publishes voluntary consensus technical standards for a wide range of materials, products, systems, and services. They are in the process of developing standards for Search and Rescue operations as well as other canine services. Below is a short (not all inclusive) list of some of the Standard Guides currently developed for SAR.

ASTM Standard Guides:

- F1633-97 Land Search
- F1846-98 Map Symbols and Marking
- F1847-14 Canine Minimum Training
- F1848-14 Canine Classification
- F2099-01 UTM Grid Mapping
- F2209-14 Search Team Member
- F2890.12 Hazard Awareness for SAR
- F3070-14 Area Dog
- F3071-14 Basic GPS
- F3072-14 Intermediate GPS
- F3144-15 Trailing Dogs