

**CREDENTIALING PROGRAM**  
**SOMERSET COUNTY NEW JERSEY**  
**TIER 2**

**RESOURCE: Search and Rescue – Field Technician**

**Job Description:**

A member of the SCSAR Team who operates in the field search of a search and rescue incident.

**Training Requirements:**

ICS-100, 200, IS-700

Wilderness SAR Awareness Level

Water Rescue Awareness

SCSAR Basic Orienteering Class

CPR/AED, First Aid, Bloodborne Pathogens

**Physical Requirements:**

Annual physical test that consists of walking with all SAR equipment on for 1 mile in 20 minutes or less.

**Recommendations:**

IS – 800, SARTECH III, FEMA Wide Area Search, Wilderness Operations Level, Rope Ops/Tech, Water Ops/Tech, Ice Rescue Ops/Tech

**Comments:**

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**RESOURCE: Search and Rescue - Planner**

**Job Description:**

A member of the SCSAR Team who assists with the planning function on a search and rescue incident.

**Training Requirements:**

ICS-100, 200, IS-700

Wilderness SAR Awareness Level

SCSAR Planning Course

CPR/AED, First Aid, Bloodborne Pathogens

**Physical Requirements:**

Annual physical test that consists of walking with all SAR equipment on for 1 mile in 30 minutes or less.

**Recommendations:**

ICS 300, ICS 400, IS – 800, SARTECH III, FEMA Wide Area Search, Wilderness Operations Level, Lost Person Behavior, GIS Orientation Course

**Comments:**

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**RESOURCE: Search and Rescue – Search Coordinator**

**Job Description:**

An individual on the SCSAR Team who is the liaison between the County SAR Team and the Incident Commander.

**Training Requirements:**

ICS-100, 200 , 300, 400, IS-700, IS-800

Wilderness SAR Awareness Level, Wilderness SAR Operations Level

Water Rescue Awareness Level

GIS Orientation Course, SCSAR Basic Orienteering Course

SARTECH III, SCSAR Planning Course, Lost Person Behavior CPR/

AED, First Aid, Bloodborne Pathogens

**Physical Requirements:**

Annual physical test that consists of walking with all SAR equipment on for 1 mile in 20 minutes or less.

**Recommendations:**

**Comments:**

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**RESOURCE: Search & Rescue K9 Handler**

**Job Description:**

Search & Rescue K9 Handler provides a credentialed K9 in their specified discipline when requested by a lead agency and activated by Somerset County Search & Rescue.

**Training Requirements:**

ICS-200

NIMS-700

NRF-800

Water Rescue Awareness

Wilderness SAR Operations or Equivalent as determined by Agency

Land Navigation/Orienteering Training or Equivalent as determined by Agency

First Aid/CPR/AED or Higher Level of Related Training

Bloodborne Pathogens

Handler/K9 passes Evaluation in Specified Discipline (As per K9 Training Requirements)

**Recommendations:**

Lost Person Behavior, FEMA Wide Area Search, Rope Aware, Ice Rescue Aware, GIS Orientation Course, ICS-300, ICS-400, NASAR SARTECH III

**Comments:**

Handler must specify the discipline of their K9 and that K9 must be credentialed.

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**RESOURCE: Search & Rescue K9 Flanker**

**Job Description:**

Search & Rescue K9 Flanker provides assistance with orienteering, communications, and clue recognition to a certified SAR K9 Handler when requested by a lead agency and activated by Somerset County.

**Training Requirements:**

ICS-200

NIMS-700

NRF-800

Water Rescue Awareness

Wilderness SAR Operations or Equivalent as determined by Agency

Land Navigation/Orienteering Training or Equivalent as determined by Agency

First Aid/CPR/AED or Higher Level of Related Training

Bloodborne Pathogens

**Recommendations:**

Lost Person Behavior, FEMA Wide Area Search, Rope Aware, Ice Rescue Aware, GIS Orientation Course, ICS-300, ICS-400, NASAR SARTECH III

**Comments:**

**↓ Canine Only Below ↓**

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**RESOURCE: Search & Rescue Air Scent K9**

**Job Description:**

K9 has demonstrated and maintains proficiency in Live-Find Air Scenting. Activation is dependent on request by a lead agency and activated by the Somerset County Search & Rescue Team. K9 is specifically trained to assist with missing civilians who do not pose an immediate life safety threat to searchers.

**Training Requirements:**

AKC Canine Good Citizen – Urban

Successfully passes Somerset County OEM's, or Equivalent, Obedience/Agility Test

Successfully passes Somerset County OEM's designated Evaluating Agency's Discipline Specific Evaluation  
(Every two years, passes evaluation or participates successfully in a search)

**Recommendations:**

AKC Community Canine Good Citizen

Certified Therapy Dog

**Comments:**

K9 is handled by a credentialed K9 Handler.

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**RESOURCE: Search & Rescue Cadaver K9**

**Job Description:**

K9 has demonstrated and maintains proficiency in Human Remains Detection. Activation is dependent on request by a lead agency and activated by the Somerset County Search & Rescue Team. K9 is specifically trained to assist with locating missing individuals who are suspected to be deceased.

**Training Requirements:**

AKC Canine Good Citizen – Urban

Successfully passes Somerset County OEM's, or Equivalent, Obedience/Agility Test

Successfully passes Somerset County OEM's designated Evaluating Agency's Discipline Specific Evaluation  
(Every two years, passes evaluation or participates successfully in a search)

**Recommendations:**

AKC Community Canine Good Citizen  
Certified Therapy Dog

**Comments:**

K9 is handled by a credentialed K9 Handler.



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**RESOURCE: Search & Rescue Tracking/Trailing K9**

**Job Description:**

K9 has demonstrated and maintains proficiency in Tracking/Trailing. Activation is dependent on request by a lead agency and activated by the Somerset County Search & Rescue Team. K9 is specifically trained to assist with missing civilians who do not pose an immediate life safety threat to searchers.

**Training Requirements:**

AKC Canine Good Citizen – Urban

Successfully passes Somerset County OEM's, or Equivalent, Obedience/Agility Test

Successfully passes Somerset County OEM's designated Evaluating Agency's Discipline Specific Evaluation

(Every two years, passes evaluation or participates successfully in a search)

**Recommendations:**

AKC Community Canine Good Citizen

Certified Therapy Dog

**Comments:**

K9 is handled by a credentialed K9 Handler.