

California Fire & Rescue Training Authority

POLICY HANDBOOK

POLICY TITLE: Canine Evaluator
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2347.1 General Job Description

Under the direction of the JPA Administrator, the Canine Evaluator acts as an evaluator for canine classes and programs delivered by the JPA.

2347.2 ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS:

Evaluate a canine team's ability to search in a disaster scenario.

2347.3 MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

2347.3.1 Certified FEMA Canine Evaluator Type I/Type II.

2347.3.2 EDUCATION:

Possess a high school diploma or equivalent GED certificate.

2347.3.3 ABILITY TO:

- (a) Evaluate a broad spectrum of canines and handlers in various situations.
- (b) Interact effectively with canine teams, peers and JPA administration and staff.
- (c) Work independently to solve problems.
- (d) Maintain integrity, honesty, reliability and professionalism.
- (e) Maintain scene safety.
- (f) Maintain the safety and welfare of the canine team.
- (g) Adhere to all policies of the JPA.

2347.3.4 AGE:

Must be at least 21 years of age.

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2347.3.5 KNOWLEDGE OF:

- (a) Disaster Search Canine Readiness Evaluation Process.
- (b) Various Disaster Search Canine Training Techniques.
- (c) Set up and administration of a disaster canine evaluation.
- (d) Proper command & control, agility skills and bark alerting skills.
- (e) National US&R Response System.
- (f) National US&R Search Protocols.
- (g) National US&R Code of Conduct
- (h) Incident Command System
- (i) Basic Mapping Techniques

2347.3.6 PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS:

Maintain physical ability and stamina to meet the essential job functions and perform the following, with or without reasonable accommodation:

- (a) Navigate debris and rubble piles in a safe manner.
- (b) Work on structural collapse scenarios.
- (c) Reach to lift, push, pull, stoop, squat, bend and carry (up to maximum of 50 lbs.).
- (d) Move and set up props and prepare evaluations.
- (e) Utilize hearing to respond to questions, normal conversation, telephone calls.
- (f) Utilize vision, near and far, to read written materials, computer screens and to conduct evaluations.
- (g) Shall not pose a direct threat to self, other individuals in the workplace, or the public.