

**Blaine County Sheriff Search and Rescue K 9 Unit  
Night Hasty Search  
Knowledge & Performance Certification Standards**

**Purpose:**

To participate in a professional volunteer program involving Emergency Rescue Services for the public in a missing person context.

**Policy:**

Prior to being evaluated and approved as a field ready team, each individual must have fulfilled the necessary requirements as deemed by the Blaine County Sheriff Search and Rescue K-9 Unit Standard Operating Guidelines.

**Level of Certification:**

Fulfilling the standards listed will qualify the team for a Night Hasty Search Certification in Blaine County Search and Rescue. If a team has passed the NASAR Canine SARTECH I Certification for Area Search, they will automatically qualify for the BCSAR Night Hasty Search Certification

**Standards for Evaluation**

- There will be one or more evaluator(s). At least one of the evaluators must be independent of BCSAR K 9 Unit.
- Selection of an evaluator(s) shall be by agreement of the BCSAR K-9 Unit Commander and Sheriff's Office BCSAR Commander.
- All evaluator(s) are answerable to the BCSAR K-9 Unit and may be dismissed by same. However, all test results are final and may not be reversed by BCSAR K-9 Unit.

- Evaluator(s) will use the BCSAR K-9 Unit Night Hasty Certification Score Sheet.
- All teams testing will be given fair and equal test situations. Teams will not test on the same day on a previously used site.
- No team with a female dog in heat will be allowed to test with other teams present.
- Any protest of the test scenario must be presented and considered prior to the test, e.g. presence of smoke, fuel or female dog in heat cycle.
- Candidate handler and canine partner will be allowed two attempts to pass each test.
- A certified team must re-test every 3 years to maintain certification.

### **Night Hasty Search Dog Field Test:**

- The search area to be no more than 80 acres and the Candidate will be given a map clearly defining the search area.
- Search will begin 1 hour after dark.
- There will one subject hidden at least 1 hour before the test. The candidate will be provided a scent article.
- Candidate will demonstrate adequate preparedness to conduct a night hasty search.
- The first part of the test will be a trailing problem not to exceed ½ mile.
- The second part of the test will be an area search. After having established the direction of the subject's travel and made the first turn, the candidate will declare to the evaluator the K9 team is committed to the direction. When the evaluator is satisfied with the K9 team's direction, he will then instruct the candidate to release the K9 and begin an area search.

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- Handler should identify K9's alert and should follow the K9 to the subject. The K9 should make a clear alert or indication and should eagerly move to the subject.
- Candidate will have 1 hour to complete the problem.