



Area Search

This test attempts to simulate a suspect fleeing into an open area with a number of places to be used for concealment.

Area type

- ◆ Open fields, warehouse complexes, fenced in storage lots, etc.
- ◆ Area to be searched will be approximately 150 ft. x 150 ft.
- ◆ There will be a time limit of 10 min.
- ◆ There must be at least six places a decoy can be concealed from sight.

Decoy

- ◆ Will be hidden for a minimum of 10 minutes prior to the test.
- ◆ Will be in a safe hide with no bite equipment.

- ◆ The test will be conducted on or off lead with the dog wearing only on-duty equipment.
- ◆ The deployment will simulate an actual scenario utilizing tactics. The handler will act in compliance to their department's policy regarding announcements.

- ◆ The dog's indication of the decoys location must be obvious.
- ◆ The test ends when the handler calls the location of the decoy and takes control of the dog.

The test will be judged Pass/Fail

Miscellaneous

Being unable to forecast testing sites, several areas are listed to accommodate available sites. The certifying official will make the final determination of which site to use and where the decoy will be hidden. The certifying official will determine appropriate times between searches. An effort will be made to make all searches fair and reasonable, yet designed to challenge the team's ability.