



Explosive Certification

The CPCA certification test is designed to evaluate the K-9's ability to recognize the odor, respond to the odor and the handler's ability to recognize this response. The test shall include scenarios resembling searches within the normal operational environment and include at least 3 different search areas. There will be a total of 14 searches. **A missed hide or no alert in a hot area is a MISS. Any called alert in a blank search area is a Miss.**

Only one miss allowed to pass.

Test will be judged pass/fail

Vehicle search (exterior) 8 vehicles, 4 blanks 15 min.

Building search 5 rooms, one blank 15 min.

(Each room will be approximately 200 – 400 Square ft.)

Large Vehicle Interior etc: This search shall consist of (1) hide and will be set at the discretion of the CO and may consist of a large vehicle if possible (Bus, airplane, truck etc.) or parcels, luggage, containers etc. (4-6) If a large vehicle is not available. Search time six (6) minutes.

Basic odors will be:

- > RDX (C-4, flex-ex, semtex, etc.)
- > PETN (det-cord, primer cord etc.)
- > TNT
- > POWDERS (black or smokeless, potassium nitrate)
- > WATER GEL (slurries, ammonium nitrate based)
- > COMMERCIAL DYNAMITE

At least one find from each category of explosive.

Minimum amount of explosive material, 15 grams. Maximum – 2 pounds.