



## Narcotics 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 11 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.** Canine's alert must be obvious to the Certifying Officials.

The basic certification shall consist of five (5) indoor rooms, five (5) vehicles and one (1) additional search for a total of eleven (11) searches.

Only two misses allowed to pass.

The test will be judged as Pass/Fail.

**The base odors for certification are Cocaine, Heroin, and Methamphetamine.** Team cannot miss any single odor twice. The minimum weight is 10 grams and maximum weight on any hides is 100 grams.

**Vehicle Search:** Shall consist of five (5) vehicles: three (3) hides and two blanks. Search time twelve (12) minutes. Narcotic finds will be concealed on the exterior of the vehicles. No more than one (1) find may be concealed on a vehicle. The decision upon what types of vehicles to be used is the Certifying Officials' discretion

**Indoor Search:** Shall consist of five (5) indoor rooms: four (4) hides and one blank. Search time fifteen (15) minutes. Each room shall be approximately 200 to 400 square feet. (Exceptions may be made according to the Certifying Officials). No more than one (1) find will be concealed in a room.

**Additional Search/Large Vehicle etc:** The additional search shall consist of (1) hide and will be set at the discretion of the CO and may consist of a large vehicle, parcels, luggage, containers etc (4-6). Search time six (6) minutes.

### **Certification for Additional Substances:**

Additional hides can be made to accommodate additional odors for certification. (MDMA, Marijuana etc.) The K-9 Team must complete certification prior to testing on additional substances. Search area shall consist of one (1) room/vehicle/area with one (1) hide in each room/vehicle/area. Time for additional each substances search shall not exceed five (5) minutes per search.