



UK Fire Service Urban Search & Rescue Dog Teams



APPENDIX A

FORM A

Date:

Location:

Handler:

Dog:

Assessor:

Competency Area:

Handlers Self Assessment:

Comments:

Instructors Assessment of Handlers Performance:

Comments:



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Training Needs Identified / Timescale / Action Plan:



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REVALUATION:

Competent:	Assessors Signature:	Date:

Comments:

Competent not yet demonstrated	Assessors Signature	Date

Comments:

Note: Further action plan required.

All documentation to be sent to the National Training Co-ordinator.



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LEVEL TWO (UK USAR) THREE (INTERNATIONAL) TRAINING RECORD

- This document is to be run in conjunction with your personal canine logbook.
- To maintain operational certification, teams must attend a national training event at least once every 4 months to demonstrate continued operational competency. There will be two events held within every four month period. Over a period of 12 months, every qualified handler will have to attend a minimum of 3 national training events.
- At each national training event, a handler will only be able to have 3 areas of competency signed off at anyone time. This will ensure the following:
 - Handlers will have to attend a minimum of 3 training events per year to maintain and demonstrate all areas of competence.
 - Ensures that a handler does not turn up to an event and use all available training time.
 - This ensures that competence is demonstrated throughout the 12 month period.
- Under the role of an USAR dog team (certificated team) all competency levels must be demonstrated and evaluated within every 12 month period to maintain operational certification.
- These training sessions are aimed to identify individual teams training needs and to re-evaluation the operational readiness of each team on a continued basis. A training plan will be discussed and agreed for each team attending these sessions. If the training need is of a competency issue or is safety critical, teams may be removed from the operational register until competency can be demonstrated.
- These competences will consist of a minimum of the following:
 - 4 searches per year, collapsed structure searches.
 - 2 searches per year, building searches.
 - 2 searches per year, immediate area searches.
 - Obedience
- Demonstrate given competencies within a period of one calendar year. Example (January to January).
- Signed by a competent Fire & Rescue Service dog handler / trainer (must be an handler / assessor with a minimum of two years qualified experience).



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- Any areas where competency is not demonstrated – an action plan will be implemented using the form A. All action plans will be discussed between handler and assessor and depending on the severity of the issue each case will be actioned as necessary. All documentation will need to be forwarded to the National Training Coordinator on completion. Any areas of disagreement with regard to the assessment/action plan will be communicated to the National Coordinator.
- At the end of each national training event, assessors must forward all assessment details to the national training co-ordinator.
- Each operational handler must have completed level two / three training record, which a copy must be forwarded to the training coordinator for a new licence to be issued for the next 12 months.

HANDLER: _____ **DOG:** _____ **BRIGADE:** _____

COMPETENCY STATEMENTS REQUIRED TO BE COMPLETED WITHIN 1 YEAR.

DISCIPLINE	NIGHT SEARCH	DAY SEARCH	COMPETENCY DEMONSTRATED		ACTION PLAN IF NEEDED FORM A	TRAINING LOCATION	DATE	ASSESSOR/S DATE & SIGNATURE
			YES	NO				
MANDATORY								
Immediate Area								
Immediate Area								
Collapse Structure								
Collapse Structure								
Collapse Structure								
Collapse Structure								
Building Search								
Building Search								
Obedience								

