



**VENTURA COUNTY
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
K-9 SEARCH AND RESCUE**

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Search Disciplines

Area Search: K-9s are trained to find any human scent in the area. Although not required, scent articles can be of assistance to area search dogs. Area search dogs work most frequently off-leash and can cover large areas. Area search dogs will find anyone walking around or lying on the ground.

Trailing: K-9s are trained to follow the path that a lost person has taken. Similar to traditional "tracking" dogs, these dogs require a properly preserved scent article and are not distracted by other people in the area. These dogs work on long leashes. Trailing dogs most frequently work trails that are several days old.

Human Remains Detection: K-9s are trained in the location of human decomposition: tissue, blood, bones, teeth etc. In some cases, these items are used as evidence in a case. In addition, our HRD K-9s are trained to located remains in water.





The Ventura County Sheriff's K-9 Search and Rescue Team is made up of dedicated volunteers who assist local, state, and federal agencies in the search for and recovery of lost and missing persons. All members are on-call 24 hrs a day, 7 days a week. The K-9 team is trained in three different types of search discipline... Area Search, Trailing, and Human Remains Detection. Dogs and handlers undergo rigorous training and must pass a yearly certification test before being mission ready on deployment status.

K-9 search team members are all volunteers and are not compensated for their work. They spend countless hours in supervised training sessions, as well as individual practice and professional training workshops throughout the United States. Each handler invests their own time, money, energy, and love into these dogs... and when the time comes, unselfishly share their special skills for the benefit of others. All expenses are the





responsibility of the handler, including: dog food, medical, housing, and training.

Donations and support from concerned citizens and organizations can help with these prohibitive costs. In addition, the team requires funding in order to keep the team mission ready. Items such as radios, GPS K-9 tracking devices, training equipment, and safety gear keep the dogs and handlers safe during their rescue mission.



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The Ventura County Sheriff's K-9 Search and Rescue Team is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. All donations are tax-deductible, and the money raised goes directly to support our local K-9 heroes. We sincerely appreciate any help that you or your company may be able to provide.

For more information, please visit our website at www.vcsark9.org.

Donations may be made through the website, or mailed to:

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