

NARCOTIC DETECTION TEST
COURIER EXAMINATION

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THIS TEST IS DESIGNED TO DETERMINE THE PROFICIENCY AND RELIABILITY OF A PASSIVE RESPONSE DOG IN THE DETECTION OF NARCOTICS WHILE BEING USED IN THE SCREENING OF PEOPLE, LUGGAGE AND OTHER AREAS.

1. THE REWARD TOY OR OBJECT, USED DURING A NARCOTIC DETECTION CERTIFICATION TEST, TO REWARD THE DOG UPON FINDING A NARCOTIC HIDE, **WILL NOT** CONTAIN ANY NARCOTICS OR NARCOTIC ODOR OR RESIDUAL ODOR.
2. ALL ODORS ATTEMPTING TO BE CERTIFIED IN **WILL BE** HIDDEN IN **ALL** AREAS TESTED IN.
3. TESTING **WILL** BE CONDUCTED **IN AT LEAST THREE** (3) AREAS.
 - A. PEOPLE (ONE HIDE “HIGH OR LOW” OF EACH ODOR WITH A MINIMUM OF ONE (1) HIDE HIGH OF ANY ODOR.
 - B. BUILDING
 - C. OTHER DESIGNATED AREAS ARE;
 1. LUGGAGE
 2. FREIGHT
 3. MAIL
 4. VEHICLES’S **(EXTERIOR ONLY)**
4. A “TEAM MISS” IS DEFINED AS ANY INCORRECT RESPONSE BY THE K-9 TEAM.
5. ONLY ONE (1) MISS TOTAL **OVERALL OF ALL ODORS ATTEMPTED TO BE CERTIFIED IN**, WILL BE PERMITTED FOR SUCCESSFUL “PASS” OF CERTIFICATION.
6. NARCOTICS SUCCESSFULLY CERTIFIED IN WILL BE LISTED BY THEIR “LABORATORY” NAMES ON THE CERTIFICATION CERTIFICATE.
7. PSEUDO NARCOTICS **WILL NOT** BE USED FOR THE CERTIFICATION TEST.
8. THE MASTER TRAINER WILL PLACE THE AIDS IN LOCATIONS UNKNOWN TO THE HANDLER AND HIDES MAY BE EITHER HIGH OR LOW **EXCEPT ON PEOPLE SEARCHES WHERE THERE MUST BE A MINIMUM OF ONE (1) HIGH HIDE OF ANY ODOR.**
9. THE AMOUNT OF NARCOTICS TO BE USED FOR TESTING WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE MASTER TRAINER; HOWEVER THE AMOUNT OF NARCOTIC SUBSTANCE USED FOR TESTING WILL NOT BE LESS THAN ONE (1) GRAM.

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10. WHEN TESTING, THE BELOW LISTED MINIMUMS OF EACH ODOR THAT **CERTIFICATION IS BEING ATTEMPTED** WILL BE HIDDEN ON PEOPLE, BUILDINGS AND ANY OTHER DESIGNATED SEARCH AREA.
- a. FIVE (5) ODORS – A MINIMUM OF 5 HIDES WITH AT LEAST ONE (1) “HIGH” OF ANY ODOR ON PEOPLE.
 - b. FOUR (4) ODORS – A MINIMUM OF FOUR (4) HIDES WITH AT LEAST ONE (1) “HIGH” OF ANY ODOR ON PEOPLE.
 - c. THREE (3) ODORS – A MINIMUM OF FOUR (4) HIDES WITH AT LEAST ONE (1) “HIGH” OF ANY ODOR ON PEOPLE.
 - d. TWO (2) ODORS – A MINIMUM OF FOUR (4) HIDES WITH AT LEAST ONE (1) “HIGH” OF ANY ODOR ON PEOPLE.
 - e. ONE (1) ODOR – A MINIMUM OF FOUR (4) HIDES WITH AT LEAST ONE (1) HIGH OF ANY ODOR ON PEOPLE.
11. COURIER CERTIFICATION (**PEOPLE ONLY**) WILL BE CONDUCTED IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER DEPENDING ON THE NUMBER OF ODORS THAT ARE BEING ATTEMPTED. THERE WILL BE **NO CONTACT BETWEEN THE INDIVIDUAL BEING SCREENED AND THE CANINE.**
- a. FIVE (5) ODORS – MINIMUM OF FIVE (5) HIDES WITH ONE (1) “HIGH” FIND OF ANY ODOR ON PEOPLE.
 - b. FOUR (4) ODORS – MINIMUM OF FOUR (4) HIDES WITH ONE (1) “HIGH” FIND OF ANY ODOR ON PEOPLE.
 - c. THREE (3) ODORS – A MINIMUM OF FOUR (3) HIDES WITH ONE (1) “HIGH” FIND OF ANY ODOR ON PEOPLE.
 - d. TWO (2) ODORS – A MINIMUM OF FOUR (4) HIDES WITH ONE (1) “HIGH” FIND OF ANY ODOR ON PEOPLE.
 - e. ONE (1) ODOR – MINIMUM OF TWO HIDES WITH FOUR (4) “HIGH” FIND ON PEOPLE.
12. IF TWO (2) ODORS ARE BEING ATTEMPTED TO BE CERTIFIED IN THERE WILL BE A MINIMUM OF TWELVE (12) FINDS CINSISTING OF A MINIMUM OF FOUR (4) HIDES OF EACH ODOR IN BUILDINGS, A MINIMUM OF FOUR (4) ODORS IN “OTHER DESIGNATED AREAS” AND A MINIMUM OF FOUR (4) HIDES OF EACH ODOR WITH AT LEAST ONE (1) HIGH FIND ON PEOPLE.
FOR THE PEOPLE SEARCH THERE WILL BE NO CONTACT BETWEEN THE INDIVIDUALS BEING SCREEN AND THE DOG.
13. IF LUGGAGE IS TO BE USED AS OTHER AREA, THERE WILL BE A MINIMUM OF TEN (10) BLANK SUITCASES TO BE SCREENED PER FIND AND THERE WILL BE A MINIMUM OF FIVE (5) BLANK PEOPLE TO BE SCREENED IN ADDITION TO EACH FIND. **THERE WILL BE A MINIMUM OF TWO (2) BLANK UNCONTAMINATED ROOMS USED DURING BUILDING SEARCHES.**
IF VEHICLE SEARCHES ARE USED AS THE OTHER AREA THERE WILL BE A MINIMUM OF TWO (2) BLANK UNCONTAMINATED VEHICLES USED DURING

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THIS TESTING PROCEDURE (FOR THE VEHICLE EXAMINATION PORTION OF THE COURIER EXAM THE CANINES WILL ONLY CONDUCT A SEARCH OF THE EXTERIOR OF THE VEHICLE).

14. TIME LIMITS ON SEARCHES WILL BE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE MASTER TRAINER AND AS LONG AS THE MASTER TRAINER DETERMINES THAT THE TEAM IS STILL WORKING (NOTE: THERE WILL BE A BREAK BETWEEN EACH SEARCH AREA).
15. THE SAFETY OF THE DETECTION DOG WILL BE SOLELY THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE HANDLER, (SUCH AS OVERDOSE).
16. **ALL TESTS GIVEN TO THE NARCOTICS DETECTION TEAM WILL BE ON A PASS/FAIL BASIS. THE MASTER TRAINER WILL DETERMINE IF THE DOG RESPONDS IN A PASSIVE MANNER. THE MASTER TRAINER WILL DETERMINE IF THE TEAM WILL BE CERTIFIED UPON COMPLETION OF THE TEST. THE HANDLER AND THE CANINE WILL BE CONSIDERED AS A TEAM AND IT IS THE TEAM WHO WILL BE CERTIFIED. IF THE DOG CHANGES HANDLERS A NEW TEAM EXISTS AND A NEW CERTIFICATION NEEDS TO BE CONDUCTED.**
17. ANY MASTER TRAINER IN THE AREA OF NARCOTICS DETECTION WILL BE PERMITTED TO PERFORM THIS CERTIFICATION.
THIS CERTIFICATION WILL BE VALID FOR ONE (1) FROM THE DATE OF ISSUE AS DEFINED IN THE CERTIFICATION VALIDITY PARAGRAPH.
AS DEFINED BY THE VPWDA NARCOTICS DETECTION RULES FOR TESTING, THE MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE LEVEL REQUIRED TO PASS IS 91.6%. THE BASIC NARCOTIC ODORS (AND THEIR DERIVATIVES) THAT CAN BE TESTED IN ARE MARIJUANA, COCAINE, HEROIN, METHAMPHETAMINE AND ECSTASY ARE NOT TO EXCEED FIVE (5) DIFFERENT NARCOTIC ODORS.

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